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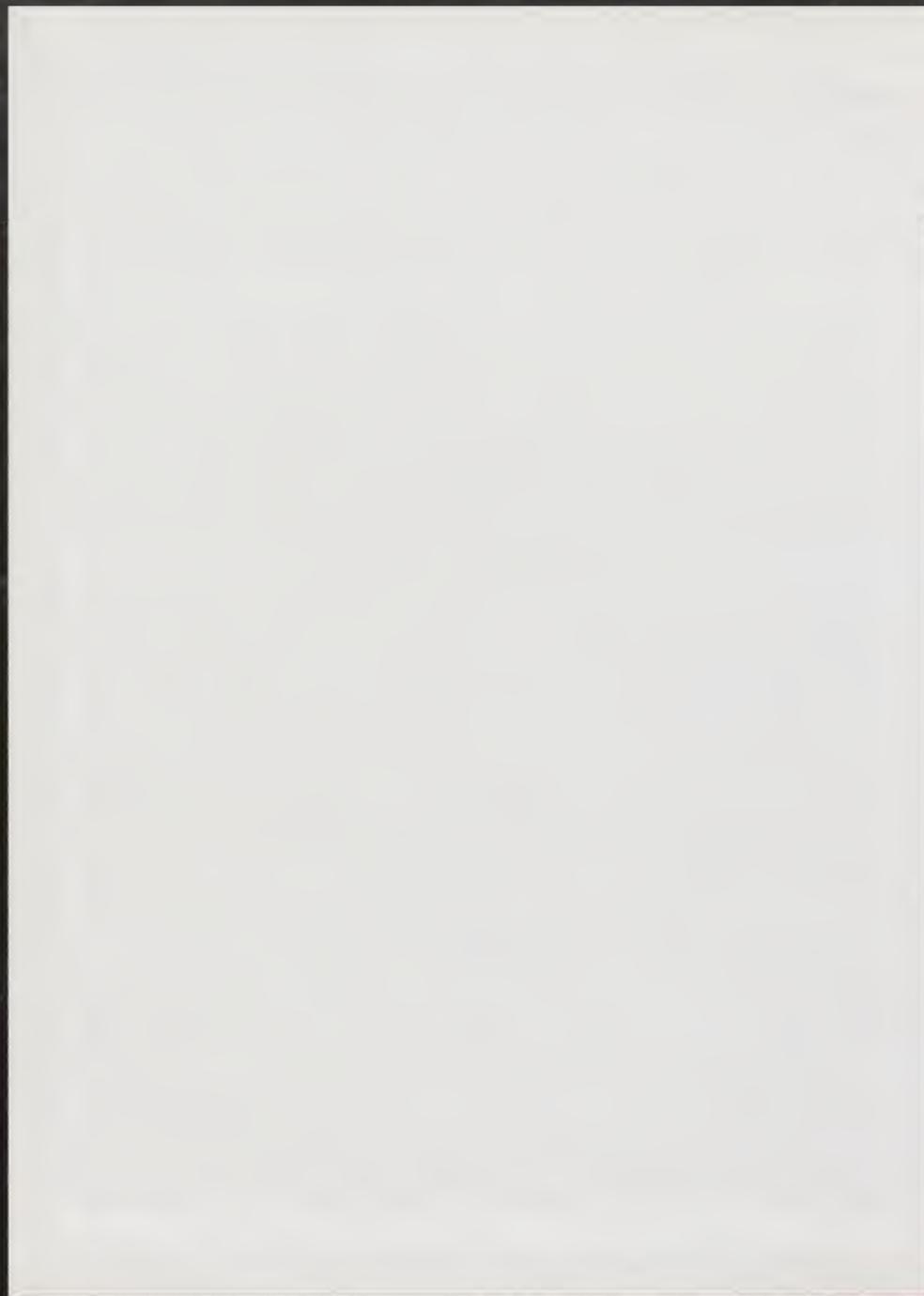






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A New Beginning 2009-2010

As another new year has begun, Whiting High School has implemented some major changes. With a new open enrollment policy, WHS has experienced a significant increase in its student population. The incoming freshman class totals 109 students, much larger than the other classes here at Whiting. The growing student population has impacted not only class sizes, but also the hiring of teachers, the number of classes being offered and the lunch hours. With the population growing in size, many classes and classrooms have had to make adjustments. What hasn't changed, however, is the opportunity for all students to succeed academically and have the opportunity to participate in a number of clubs and activities which will help build a variety of skills for life beyond high school.



Above, Freshman girls enjoy their first bonfire during Homecoming Week.

Below, Mrs. Klochan's Spanish I was the largest class at WHS this year.



Above, The girls cross country team became Sectional Champs as well as Conference Champs for the first time in school history.



Above, The Oilers provided fans with another exciting football season.

Below, Freshman Elliot Bibat and junior Becca Pietrzycki were the winners of an essay contest entitled "How 9/11 Changed My Life" sponsored by social studies teacher Mr. Milenkoff.



participation



Above, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Long's Science Olympiad Choice class donated the most money and non-perishable items to the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive sponsored by the National Honor Society.



Above, German Club members have a great time at Oktoberfest.

Below, New ESL teacher Mrs. Mendoza assists her students during Choice.



Above, Mr. Pecher's choir class was one of the winners of the door decorating contest held during Red Ribbon Week.

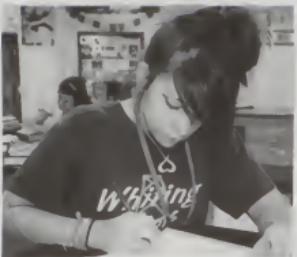


Above, Principal Jay Harker greets and gives directions to parents at the annual Open House held in early October.



*at*TENtive students at work

Academics





STENCIL your way
to success

Art/Ceramics



Left, Freshman Amanda Thill takes a moment to consider what her next sketch will be. Below, Senior James Boles puts together his Snoopy house which was constructed out of clay. Boles decided to create this project for Christmas.

Below, Junior Corina Demirkowicz begins glazing her pinch pot after letting it dry. The drying process can take up to a week before sanding and glazing can begin.



Above, Senior Amy Mahony begins her choice photo project in art class by sketching her younger brother.



Above, Junior Peter Blood marks out the design of his choice photograph before coloring, while senior Melissa Rodriguez starts off her "famous person" sketch project for her 2-D art class.



Above, Art teacher, Mrs. Mindas, gives pointers to junior Elliott Bajda in how to create a ceramics bowl. "I enjoy helping the students each day in the drawing and ceramics classes. Some students have taken projects in directions that I have not seen before, and it makes my classes very interesting," said Mrs. Mindas.



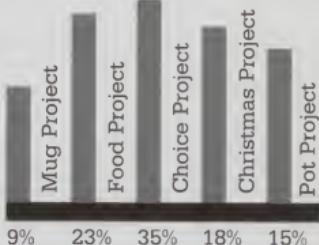
Above, Seniors Joey Murzyn and Andrew Lowe pencil in their names in the form of buildings in their art class.

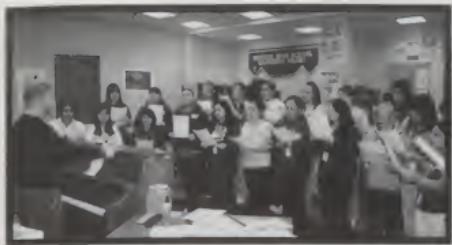


Above, Jessica Arredondo, junior, enhances details to her clay face mask in her second period class.
Left, After his ceramics project was done firing, Juan Cervantes, senior, sands his vase in ceramics class. Cervantes made the vase for a friend.



Top Five Favorite Ceramics Projects :





Above, Band and choir director Mr. Pecher leads the choir in "Song in the Air" which the group is rehearsing for their annual Christmas concert. "I thought it would be a fun and enjoyable experience to join choir. I enjoy being part of the class," said sophomore Emily DeLeon.



Above, The band plays the school song after one of the Oilers' touchdowns against North Newton at the Homecoming game. "I like that everyone is able to have fun while learning more about music. I enjoy all of our random moments," said senior Katherine Staley.

music

WHS's
Top ISSMA Artists

Dominic Hernandez
Jasmine Lopez
Brianna Scivinsky
Cecilia Mireles
Andrea Stephan
Rachel Grunhard
Yvette Meraz
Anthony Sotello
Sam Bock

music is The poetry
of the air within

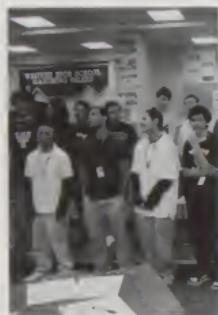
Band/Choir

Right, Junior Luis Lazaro waits patiently for the band to begin leading the students during the Homecoming parade.

Below, The band marches through the streets of Whiting to their final destination: the annual bonfire.



Below, To help students warm up, every choir class starts with daily exercises. "I think the vocal exercises help a lot; I do not mind doing them," said senior Berry Aufont.



Above, Freshman Mason Markovich demonstrates his drumming talent at a home game.



Above, Sophomore Yvette Meraz, junior Rachel Grunhard and sophomore Dominic Hernandez entertain the crowd during a break in the girls basketball game.

**senTENces, nouns, and verbs
learn them all in...**

English



Left, Miss Giaccio's 11th grade English class discusses their weekly vocabulary words as juniors John Paul Dahm, Elliott Bajda and Krystal Casanova focus intently. Below, Mrs. Saliga helps freshman Austin Plemons with a literature question.

Below, Senior English teacher Ms. Flaris follows along with Oedipus Rex in her class. Ms. Flaris helps explicate the reading so that students have a greater understanding of the material.



Above, Freshman English teacher Mr. Moynihan explains the play Romeo and Juliet to freshman Jonathan Wallace. The freshman class reads everything from The Odyssey, to learning about grammar skills such as sentence fragments, punctuation and types of phrases.



Above, Mrs. Hobson reviews a grammar assignment with Anthony "Sam" Novak in Mr. Moynihan's class.



Above, Sophomore Adrian Campos follows along in his book while the class reads Of Mice and Men. Left, Mr. Moynihan circulates through his 9th grade English class to offer help to any in need.



Above, Seniors Berry Autpon, Brittany Bulatovich, Edgar Carrillo and Tony Cervantes listen closely as a tape is played in English 12.



RANDOM VIEWPOINTS



Above, Ms. Hylek's 10th grade Honors English class displays their personal symbols after reading A Separate Peace.



"My favorite story was the Scarlet Letter because I liked how Pearl was used as a symbol for Hester Prynne's sin."

Erica Moen



"I think English is fun because I think it's interesting to learn about a lot of old stories and different parts of grammar."

Amanda Thill



"I liked The Pearl. Coyote was hardcore. The story taught me not to be greedy and be happy with what you have."

Matt Artist



Above, Working in competition to have the best piñata in their class, seniors Christine Cervantes, Enrique Silva and Manny Galindo make a penguin piñata in Spanish IV class.



Above, Miriam Miramontes, junior, festively decorates her Christmas tree using acrylic paint during the last week before Christmas Break in Mrs. Klochan's Spanish III class.

Below, Hoping to find a baby in the bread on Three King's Day, junior Julianne Stribiak carefully chooses which piece of the bread to cut. The lucky person who finds the baby throws a party for their class.



it takes a little...
memorization, concentration, translation

Foreign Language

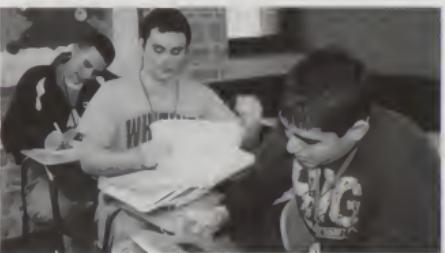
Right, Sophomore Joey Bondi practices speaking in Mrs. Anderson's German II class. Below, Sophomores Chandler Saints and Emily Ballay work on an activity in Spanish II.



Below, Sophomore Lindsey Dilbeck takes advantage of free class time by studiously working on her German homework in preparation for an upcoming test.



Above, Sophomores Vincent Rossodivito and David Matura cut out letters to help decorate the hallway outside of the Spanish room.



Above, Junior Elliot Bajda decides to work independently to translate a reading, while juniors Thomas Lyle and Fernando Sahagun work together to interpret the book as they read.

Q

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF
YOUR FOREIGN
LANGUAGE CLASS?

"It's definitely a challenge and I admit I struggle a lot, but I know at the end it'll be totally worth it. Being fluent and holding conversations with people in Spanish would be awesome."

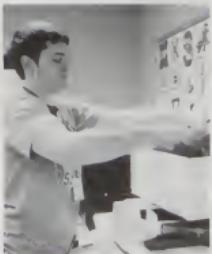
Kati Malacina

"I think Spanish is challenging for me because I'm not a native speaker, but I try my best. I also think it's a good thing to take because later in life we might need to have to speak Spanish for a job."

Katie Shannon

*let's fastEN our seat belts
and enter the world of technology*

Computers/Industrial Arts



Left, Senior Andrew Lowe boxes the latest Tattler issue shortly after printing. Below, Juniors Phillip Espinosa and Matthew Aponte discuss ideas for their Web pages in computer applications class.



Above, In communication systems class, senior Crystal Godinez is making sure her water bottle logo is the right color and right size to fit the sample bottle.



Below, Seniors Enrique Silva and Salvador Salazar are taking advantage of the time they have in Mr. Romero's class by cutting down wood for the annual bean bag tournament.



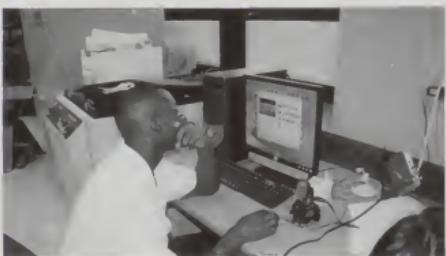
Above, Senior Cesar Duarte takes a break and shows what improvements he made on his cereal box for communications systems class.



Above, Senior Matt Keown is shown how to fine tune his Web design by Ms. Smith.



Above, Sophomore DeAndre Randall is making great progress on his sign in Mr. Cain's class.
Left, Auto Cad teacher Mr. Romero explains the lesson plan for the day which includes students needing to determine precise measurements for the project they will be creating.



Above, Junior Juwan Simmons concentrates on perfecting his project assigned by Mr. Cain.



He Said...

"Mr. Romero provides a safe and fun environment to learn. Everybody enjoys working on their assignments and helping out Mr. Romero cleaning up his wood shop."

Senior Javier Gutierrez



She said...

"My computer systems class was fun. I learned a lot of new things and new skills throughout the year. We also did a lot of new projects."

Freshman Karla Perez



Above, Juniors Jennifer Hennessey and Fernando Sahagun discuss an algebra equation.



Above, Sophomore Matthew Artist works hard to figure out a tough problem.



Below, Mr. Lenz goes over a difficult homework assignment with his sixth period class.



Left, Looking for the correct answer during geometry class is sophomore Nabeeh Moore.

finding solutions to your problems!

Mathematics

Right, Junior Nick Zepeda takes notes to help remember the important algebra formulas.

Below, First hour geometry students work on a challenging assignment.



Below, Students listen with interest during algebra class to learn about exponents and functions.



Above, Junior Stephen Bajzatt carefully completes one of his many math problems.



RANDOM VIEWPOINTS



"The best part about algebra is Mr. Laub. He brings a positive energy that makes you want to learn math."

Junior Elliott Bajda



"Math is my favorite subject. I really liked Mr. Laub's Algebra II class, and I feel I am learning skills for my future."

Junior Ojas Bharatia



Above, Mrs. Herochik goes over the lesson while the students pay close attention.

have a blast while exTENDING
your body and mind!

Health & P.E.



Left, Health and physical education teacher, Mr. Segudovic, grades papers while his class takes a quiz. Below, Freshman Alex Dillon lends a helping hand to one of his teammates during an intense game in gym class.



Above, Sophomore Danielle Weems and senior Alexia Obregon seem amused by Mr. Segudovic's response to their questions over the given assignment.



Above, Sophomores Miguel Romero and Rachel Dabertin work together on an assignment.



Above, Freshman Katie Wheeler helps out her teammate which results in a double-team during dodgeball. Left, Sophomore Sarah Casillas jots down notes as Mr. Segudovic teaches the lesson in health class.



Above, Freshman Rudy Wanek prepares to take out a player from the opposing team. With his on-point accuracy, he puts his team in the lead.



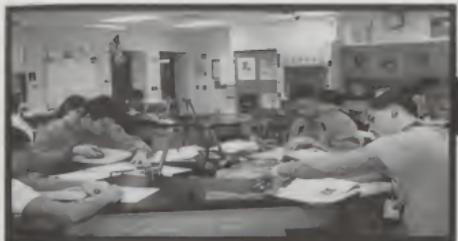
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT HEALTH/P.E.?

"Gym is one of my favorite classes! It is nice to take a break from all my hard classes and just have fun."

Freshman Mary Gundich

"Health class is interesting. I'm learning new things about the body and how it works every day!"

Freshman Delaney Michniewicz



Above, Juniors Oscar Perez and Edgar Ojeda, sophomore Matthew Filippek and junior Bobby Gonzalez complete their chapter outlines for chemistry.



Above, Junior Ashley Pokraka looks in her book to get ideas for a project the class is working on in Mrs. Morando's class.



Below, Junior Tom Lytle and senior Aldo Lopez crush an antacid tablet for a lab while discussing what to do next in Mr. Long's AP Chemistry class.

enlightEN the mind
through experimentation

Science

Right, Sophomore Alvaro Castelan sits quietly while writing vocabulary words in first hour chemistry.

Below, In Mrs. Morando's Earth Space class, freshmen Anthony Novak and Jonathan Wallace put their heads together to finish their poster.



Below, Junior Max Mills-Groninger measures some distilled water for an experiment in his third hour AP Chemistry class.



Above, Junior Brittney Lupo inspects a test tube for an enzyme lab in third hour AP Biology class.



He Said...

"To me, science is my life. I use it every day and love it to the fullest. Science is always fun and it is my planned career choice."

Freshman Luke Matulewicz

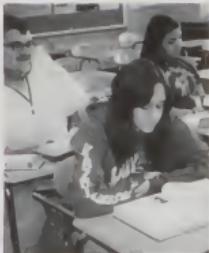
She Said...

"Science has always been one of my favorite classes. I love doing experiments and things like that. It is cool to know more about things that are a part of your everyday life. Why do you think I love Science Olympiad so much?!"

Freshman Vayta Arroyo



learning about history Triumph, Battles, Economy Social Studies



Right, Senior, Lauren Vega listens to directions on an in-class assignment in government.

Below, Freshmen Alex Dillon and Elliot Bibat present a project to their seventh hour class.

Left, Seniors Michael Misner, Monica Kazmierski and Lorena Santos follow along in their textbooks while listening to the lesson in their American Government class.



Above, Junior Steven Kieltyka works on an assignment about the Roaring '20s during Mr. Milenkoff's sixth hour U.S. History class.



Above, Social studies teacher Mr. Adkins gives an overview of the previous section in the chapter to refresh the students' memories before teaching the new section.



Above, Students pay attention to Mr. Milenkoff as he gives an encouraging speech about senior year of high school.



Above, Seniors focus on Mr. Adkins' discussion of different types of governments.

Left, Karan Darji, senior, checks his answers on his worksheet before turning in the assignment at the end of class.



RANDOM VIEWPOINTS



Above, Guest speaker Mr. John Wilkering shares the importance of saving money with the senior economics class.



"Being a student in Mr. Milenkoff's class, I think I am prepared for next year. I liked giving presentations too."



"I am not really a big social studies fan, but I must admit I've learned a lot about this country's history."



"I really enjoyed being in Mr. Adkins' class. I really liked when Mr. Wilkering came and taught us about savings."

Jasmine Loza

Rebecca Ramirez

Silvia Delgado



Above, Senior editors Annamarie Arnold and Monica Vera design the layouts for the yearbook with help by Herr Jones representative, Julie Ritchie-Glenn. Arnold and Vera dedicated much time to perfect the layouts for the 2009-2010 edition of Reflector.



Above, Gabby Sparano, junior, and La'Jerica Thomas, senior, set up their layouts for the Reflector. "I like being on staff. Everyone is so nice and helpful," stated Sparano. "Even though I was new to everything, I caught on quickly, thanks to the staff."

Below, Adding finishing touches to Issue 5 of the Tattler is Jasmine Bejar. "I really enjoy being a layout editor. I like playing a big part in the production of the Tattler," said Bejar.



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• WHAT DID YOU ENJOY MOST
ABOUT BEING PART OF
TATTLER/REFLECTOR?

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"I got to write things that appeared in the Tattler and Reflector, so I felt fancy when I read them."

Ryan Augustyn

"I enjoyed being able to take pictures of school activities and writing about what happens in Whiting."

Emelie Lovasko

the Tattler/Reflector process:
interview, review, print
Student Publications

Right, Junior Megan Kazmierski makes revisions on her basketball article for the Tattler. Kazmierski was one of the sports writers who did a remarkable job.

Below, Senior Lauren Kieltyka concentrates while taking her Chapter 2 Test in student publications class.



Below, Junior Becca Pietrzycski writes numerous captions for her pictures before choosing the best ones for her actual layout.



Above, Completing one of her many layouts for the Reflector, junior Beth Murzyn selects volleyball pictures.



Above, Juniors Jasmine Bejar and Lupe Cornejo help each other on e-Design. Bejar and Cornejo were new to the staff, but they picked up on the routine very quickly.

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Sports





Cross Country

Runners' Mentality...

deTermination, hEart and ambitioN

This truly has been a season to remember for the cross country team. The runners set both team and individual goals early on and achieved many of those goals. The team was made up of many new runners as well as talented runners from last season. Thanks to their hard work and determination, the girls team were named GSSC Champs for the first time in WHS history. "The girls found their stride during the second half of the season, and if it wasn't for an untimely injury, they could have taken their history-making season one step further," said Coach Moynihan. Though the girls team advanced to the Crown Point Regional along with junior Phillip Espinosa, their journey ended there. "The boys set the foundation for future success. I expect great things from them the next season. The seniors have set a new standard, and now it is up to the underclassmen in the program to live up to it. Winning a championship is a great accomplishment, but defending it will bring a different type of pressure," said Coach Moynihan.

Right, Sophomore Danielle Weems is running in the Lemon Lake meet. Ahead of her opponents, she concentrates on finishing the race.



Left, Stephen Bajzatt is feeling the intense heat from the sun, but still keeps his steady pace to earn a ribbon.



Above, The Cross Country Team. Front Row: Corina Demkowicz, Amy Mahony, Jennifer Hennessy, Chandler Saints, Megan Jakovich, Lauren Vega, Ilse Jimenez. Middle Row: Julianne Stribak, Sayra Jimenez, Joseph Bondi, Jonathan Dietz, Matthew Lowe, Stephen Bajzatt, Samantha Bock. Back Row: Coach Moynihan, Mason Markovich, Cameron Chorba, Matthew Filipek, David Matura, Phillip Espinosa, Coach Nick Heeringa.



Above, Matthew Filipek is neck and neck with an opponent from North Newton, but pulls away near the end of the race to defeat him.



Above, Sophomore Joey Bondi, freshman Mason Markovich, junior Stephen Bajzatt and sophomore Matthew Filipek intimidate their Calumet opponent.



Left, On your mark, get set, go! The girls cross country team takes off from the starting line as the race begins.





Right, Junior Phillip Espinosa shows off his ribbon after placing first in an intense race at Forsythe Park. Below, Freshman Sam Bock is determined to finish the race in the top 10 which will help her team earn a victory.



Above, Junior Jen Hennessey runs ahead of her Griffith opponents as she nears the end of the course.

Above, Keeping focused, junior Megan Jakovich gives it all she has.

thoughts from

"This past season I thought the the whole team did very well. I'm looking forward to next season with the team. Also, for next season I expect that the team will get to regionals." Freshman Cameron Chorba



"I think the season was pretty good as far as newcomers go. The girls that ran before did very well and had fun. I look forward to going to practice to see everyone next year, although I will miss all the seniors." Junior Julianne Stribiak



"This season has been a lot of fun. The most memorable moment for me in cross country would have to be when I ran my hardest at a race and beat two guys by sprinting at the end of the race." Sophomore David Matura



Above, The girls cross country team had a successful season. Not only did they advance to regionals, but they made WHS history by being GSSC Conference Champions.

Varsity Football

Blaze a Trail with

inTENsity and persisTENcy

Every Friday night, the Oiler football team was hard at work out on the field fighting for a victory. With all the fans cheering them on, they had a good season. "Kids have been working hard and that's all we can ask. We would like to have won a couple of close games, but we have competed well," Coach Cain said. After months of intense practice and nail-biting games, the Oilers were on their way to sectionals. The Oilers began sectionals by playing Lake Station. After defeating the Eagles, they went on to face South Central, and after beating the Satellites, they were off to the sectional championship. It was a tough game against Culver, and, sadly, they came up short as their season came to an end. "This was a great group of young men to coach," Coach Cain said. "Our staff really enjoyed working with this group. The seniors will be missed and the underclassmen will have a great future next season if they work hard in their off-season."

Right, The Oilers' offense blocks North Newton's players to help junior Emerik Quiroz take the ball to the end zone. Quiroz had a total of nine touchdowns throughout the 2009 season.



Left, Enrique Silva takes down a Spartan while defending the end zone.



Above, The 2009 Varsity Football Team. Coaching Staff: Head Coach Jeff Cain; Coaches Rob Segudovic, Brett Jennings, Victor Sahagun and Daniel Tolekis. Captains: Seniors Enrique Silva, Manny Galindo and junior Matthew Aponte.



Above, Junior Juwan Simmons runs to score against North Newton during the Homecoming game. Among his many highlights this season, Simmons had a 64-yard kickoff return, a 49-yard punt return, and ran 73-yards for a touchdown that sealed Whiting's win against South Central in the second game of sectionals. "I had high expectations of him," said Coach Cain, "and he's lived up to those expectations. He has turned into a fine all-around football player," Coach Cain continued.



Above, Sophomore Giovanni Cruz receives the ball to hold in place while senior Salvador Salazar kicks it for a field goal. Throughout the season, Salazar had a total of two touchdowns and 32 PAT kicks, including an 18-yard field goal to bring the Oilers to a victory over South Central. "I enjoyed a lot of things this season like the practices, varsity games, JV games and being with my teammates and coaches. But what I enjoyed the most was the Friday night games at home," said Salazar.





Right, Junior Jordan Hennessey snaps the football to junior Steven Kielyka. Kielyka had 267 total rushing yards during the season. He also had 510 receiving yards, which included five touchdowns and one extra point. He had a total of 61 points.



Above, Emrik Quiroz runs the ball for a touchdown.
Left, Quarterback Matt Aponte looks for an open receiver. He had a total of 97 complete passes and 1722 yards.

WINS 07

SCOREBOARD

US

L	Hammond Clark
W	Gavit
L	Wheeler
W	South Central
L	Bishop Noll
W	North Newton
L	Calumet
W	River Forest
W	Lake Station
W	Lake Station
W	South Central
W	Culver

thoughts from

The '09 season was fun and pretty exciting. We had a really good team, but we lost some close games that we should have won. Next year we have a lot of kids returning, and we're going to have a good year."

Junior Matt Aponte



"We had a great year and we went farther than some people expected. When it came to the sectional championship, we just couldn't finish the job."

Sophomore Jordan Macon



"I thought the football season was great. The best part was going to the sectional championship as a senior. I felt that it went well and we were able to accomplish a lot of things. I hope they have a great season next year!"

Senior Enrique Silva



Varsity Volleyball

Take a Stand Leave a Legacy

Teamwork, Encouragement, Never giving up

The Lady Oilers worked hard all summer with the help of their senior captains, Chelsae Strabavy and Sarah Watkins, and prepared themselves for the season. They began their season on a high note, beating Washington Township in their first match in just three games. "Our very first game against Washington Township was my most memorable game," said senior Monica Kazmierski. "It was our best game all season." Despite their starting off the season right, the Oilers had a rocky season with a lot of ups and downs. "I felt that at the beginning of the season we were having a hard time finding consistency in our play as a team. It took quite a few games for them to find their role," Coach Kelly Greer said. The Lady Oilers finished their season with a final record of 15-10. They then went into sectionals defeating Bowman in their first round. In their second round they played Washington Township and suffered a defeat which ended their season. "I think that the girls had a good season. I also think they could have won more games if they would have put everything they had into it," Coach Greer said. "I was a little disappointed about losing sectionals as I am with every loss, but the girls gave it what they had, and, unfortunately, it came up short that day," Coach Greer added.

Right, Junior Emelie Lovasko gets a dig in the game against Clark while her teammates circle around her for back up. Lovasko had a total of 203 digs during the season.



Left, Senior Chelsae Strabavy goes up for the kill and succeeds. Strabavy had 84 kills this season. Junior teammates Amanda Blackwell, Beth Murzyn and Evelyn Skylas cover Strabavy in case of a block.



Above, The Varsity Volleyball Team. Standing: Sarah Jansky, Amanda Blackwell, Chelsae Strabavy, Ashley Pokraka, Sarah Watkins, Lauren Kieltyka and Coach Kelly Greer. Kneeling: Emelie Lovasko, Beth Murzyn, Crystal Godinez, Monica Kazmierski, Jasmine Lopez and Evelyn Skylas.



Above, Amanda Blackwell and senior Sarah Jansky perform a game ritual after scoring another point.



Above, In the game against Clark, junior Ashley Pokraka and Sarah Jansky jump high up for the block as Jansky tips it over.



Left, Beth Murzyn sets up for Chelsae Strabavy for a slide. Strabavy made it over, gaining a point for her team.





Right, Amanda Blackwell goes up for the kill. She had a total of 73 kills this season. Her teammates Beth Murzyn, Sarah Watkins and Chelsae Strabavay get low and cover their fellow teammate.



Above, Jumping high for the tip is Sarah Jansky.

Left, Getting herself in the correct position to pass the ball is Emelie Lovasko who made a beautiful pass to her setter.

WINS 15

SCOREBOARD

US

W-L	Washington Township
W	E.C. Central
L	Griffith
L	Wheeler
W-W	Clark
W	LaCrosse
L	Marquette Catholic
W	Hanover Central
L	Bishop Noll
L	Robert
W	Morgan Township
L	North Newton
L	Koute
W	Morton
W	West Side
W	River Forest
W	Hammond High
W	Calumet
W	Lake Station
L	South Central
L	Westville
W	Gavit
W	Bowman Academy
L	Washington Township

thoughts from

"This season was a great learning experience. Although we did not win a lot, we stuck together as a team and tried our best. I can't wait until next year."

Junior Emelie Lovasko



"Overall I think the season went well. We worked well as a team. We had many ups and downs, but in the end we worked together. I'm going to miss playing with all these girls next year."

Senior Sarah Jansky



"Throughout the season we grew as a team. We all became closer and learned to work with each other. I loved playing with these girls, especially Beth Murzyn."

Senior Lauren Kielyka



Varsity Boys Basketball

Still Believing...

Teamwork, Leadership and Endurance

The Whiting Oilers' 2009-2010 basketball season was a learning season for the team. With no seniors on the team, Coach Derrick Milenkoff had to look to the juniors for leadership. The Oilers were a very young team consisting of two juniors, four sophomores and four freshmen. The Oilers began their season with a loss against Washington Township, but throughout the season the team kept playing strong, and they won their first game in the tournament versus Calumet. The highlight of the season was their win against Morgan Township, a team ranked seventh in the state for 1A. Their season finally came to an end in the first round of sectionals. "It was a great learning experience for the young team," said Coach Milenkoff. "I feel the team understands what is needed to compete and excel at a varsity level. I hope they realize the importance of coming together and being a team. It will take time, effort and dedication. I am very excited for next season," continued Coach Milenkoff.

Right, Junior Elliott Bajda focuses on the basket before shooting a free throw. Bajda made 158 free throws throughout the season.



Left, Sophomores Joey Bondi and Caleb Strabavy play key defense for the Oilers while guarding a Morton opponent.



Above, The Varsity Basketball Team. Standing: Coach Mike Nastav, Cameron Chorba, Matt Filipek, Elliott Bajda, Caleb Strabavy, Manager Jake Foster and Coach Derrick Milenkoff. Kneeling: Joey Bondi, Nick Filipek, Rudy Wanek, Steve Kieltyka, Andy Franko and Gio Cruz.



Above, Caleb Strabavy looks for a teammate to pass the basketball to.



Above, Freshman Nick Filipek concentrates on shooting a free throw during a close game. Filipek scored 44 points for the Oilers.



Left, Junior Steve Kieltyka attempts to shoot a pull up jump shot while being defended by his opponent. Kieltyka scored a total of 218 points for the Oilers throughout the season.





Right, Putting pressure on his opponent, Steven Kieltyka plays great defense for the Oilers.



Above, Guard Gio Cruz dribbles the basketball to find an open teammate. Cruz ended the season with 45 assists.

Right, Elliott Bajda jumps up to shoot a right-handed layup to put the Oilers ahead in an intense game.

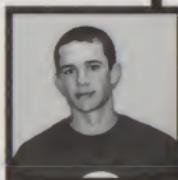


Above, Nick Filipek and Gio Cruz play at the elbows while the Oilers play a zone defense during a game versus their rival Clark. Together, they had a total of 65 steals.

thoughts from

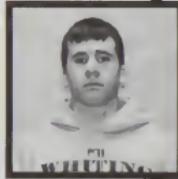
"This season was a good learning experience. We were in a lot of games that came down to the final seconds. Next year, we will be more experienced and disciplined. I expect big things from the Oilers next season."

Junior Elliott Bajda



"We had a lot of losses and a small amount of wins. It was a learning experience for the team, and I cannot wait to see what happens next season. All in all the season was fun."

Junior Steve Kieltyka



"I thought the season could have turned out better than what it did. I mean, we are a young team, but are still able to compete. It was a rebuilding year, and next year is definitely a year to look forward to."

Sophomore Caleb Strabavy



WINS 02

SCOREBOARD

US

L	Washington Twp.
L	Clark
L	Griffith
L	Marquette Catholic
L	Calumet
L	Westville
L	River Forest
L	North Newton
L	Lake Station
L	Wheeler
L	LaCrosse
L	Calumet
L	River Forest
L	Bishop Noll
L	Morton
L	Gavit
Hanover Central	
Grant Park	
Morgan Twp.	
Clark	
Kouts	

Varsity Girls Basketball

Big Green's in the House

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The Whiting Lady Oilers basketball team has been coached for the third year in a row by Kevin Moynihan. Though the team started off their season rough in a game against Kouts, they did not let their first loss bring them down. The team came back and won their next game against their rival, Clark. Overall, the Lady Oilers had a roller coaster season, but they stayed strong. "I was very pleased with the progress we made this season," Coach Moynihan said. There were a lot of moments that stood out this season such as the Clark game, the Calumet game, and their sectional game versus Kouts. Looking back over the season, the girls were a young team with much to learn. They grew a lot this season and Coach Moynihan would like to thank the girls for their hard work, patience and belief. The Lady Oilers finished their season with a final record of 8-13. "I wish our next season would start today," Coach Moynihan said.

Below, Freshman Abby Bondi shoots a three-pointer and scores. She made a total of 15 three-pointers this season, and she had a total of 138 points overall.



Above, The Varsity Basketball Team. Top: Coach Tim Kompiel, Coach Ryan Lewandowski, Amanda Blackwell, Isabel Sandoval, Lauren Markovich, Coach Matt Moynihan and Coach Kevin Moynihan. Middle Row: Megan Kazmierski, Abby Bondi, Sam Bock and Sayra Jimenez. Bottom Row: Lupe Cornejo, Beth Murzyn, Roxy Maslikowski and Jennifer Hennessey.



Left, Abby Bondi dribbles down the court in the game against Noll. She had a total of 10 points for this game and helped contribute to another victory for the Lady Oilers. Next to Bondi is junior Jennifer Hennessey hustling down the court to get back and play some offense.



Above, Attempting to pass the ball around Noll's defender is junior Megan Kazmierski. Kazmierski managed to get the ball to Hennessey and received an assist.





Right, Junior Lupe Cornejo gets down low and plays some tough defense against her opposing point guard. Cornejo was a big contributor end of this season having a total of 30 steals, and she also had 177 rebounds.



Above, Jennifer Hennessey dribbles the ball up the court to get the offense started. She had a total of 42 assists this season, and she had 51 points. In front of her is junior Amanda Blackwell making her way down the court to help run the offense. Blackwell had a total of 211 points this season.

WINS 08

SCOREBOARD

US

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W-W

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L-L

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W-W

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Kouts

Clark

Gavst

Westville

Marquette Catholic

Washington Twp.

Calumet

Morgan Twp.

River Forest

LaCrosse

North Newton

Lake Station

Hammond High

Bishop Noll

Wheeler

Morton

South Central

thoughts from

"This season would definitely have to be a learning season. With everyone returning for next season, it should be better. I cannot wait to see what lies ahead for our team."
Junior Megan Kazmierski



"With the season done, all that is left is memories and improvement for next season. With returning players, the Oilers will play as a team and be expected to win more."
Junior Lupe Cornejo



"It was hard for us to have to try and take on leadership roles already, but I think because of this we will do so much better next season. I had fun and I'm looking forward to next year.
Junior Beth Murzyn



Cheerleading

'Victory in

Two Thousand TEN'

The Whiting High School cheerleaders have had their share of ups and downs. With the season starting off with only six girls, Coaches Kami Hall and Olivia Rhodehamel held another try-out. The girls were able to learn new cheers, jumps and dance routines choreographed by captain Heather Stupeck throughout their season. While the girls were making the switch from cheering for football to cheering for basketball, competition was fresh in their minds. The girls competed on January 23 at Calumet High School in the GSSC Cheer and Dance Competition. With hard work and dedication, the girls came home with fifth place. "The squad faced a lot of obstacles throughout the year; however, I couldn't have asked for a better performance than what was given," said Coach Kami Hall. Throughout the year, the girls participated in and held different events such as the Whiting Christmas Parade, Tag Day and Pee-Wee Camp. Many memories have been shared throughout the year by the girls, and many of them will never forget those memories.

Right, Cheerleaders put two halves up in preparation to cheer on their varsity basketball Team. Flyers Amy Mahony and Danielle Weems hit their high Vs as they are secured in the air.



Left, While practicing for competition, the girls display their arc. The girls worked very hard this season and really pulled through to show off their talents.



Above, The Cheerleaders. Standing: Coach Olivia Rhodehamel, Melina Marin, Brittny Lupo, Heather Stupeck and Coach Kami Hall. Kneeling: Chandler Saints, Taylor McNinch, Jasmine Lopez and Kaitlin Malacina. Sitting: Tatiana Aponte, Amy Mahony, Danielle Weems, Lauren Vega and Alexia Obregon.



Above, During one of the girls' practices, Amy Mahony is put into a half with Lauren Vega in front held by Danielle Weems and Chandler Saints.



Above, At the Wheeler vs. Whiting game, Danielle Weems is put in a half while Amy Mahony is in back in a full. Hard work and dedication is a big part of being able to stunt and the girls showed they had it.

Left, Before the Whiting Christmas Parade, the girls take a break from warming up to huddle together and pose as a squad. The girls did a short routine to "Jingle Bell Rock" down 119th Street.





Right, Junior Taylor McNinch, sophomore Sarah Casillas and senior Heather Stupeck hit their ending pose after performing their dance at the pep rally.

Below, The "Flock" practices a basket toss.



Above, The girls cheer on the Oilers at a home game.

Below, While at Calumet High School, the cheerleaders prepare to hit the mat at the GSSC Cheer and Dance Competition.



Above, As they mount their shoulder sits, the girls cross their fingers as a varsity player shooters a free throw.

thoughts from

"I think this season was a lot of fun. It was my senior year, and I'm glad I cheered. I will most likely miss cheering next year, and I know I'll miss all the girls, but cheering all four cheers has been a lot of fun!" Senior Amy Mahony



"Cheerleading this season was a lot different than last year. I had so much fun with the seniors, and I'm going to be sad to see them graduate. I can't wait til next year." Sophomore Danielle Weems



"Cheerleading was hard this year. We learned a lot of new cheers and dances. I had a lot of fun at competition, and I think everyone put a lot of hard work into it." Junior Melina Marin



Wrestling

Young Team Gains Experience

Takedown, reversal, pin

Preparing for any new sports season takes hard work and dedication. This year's wrestlers set big goals for themselves and the team, and they worked throughout the year on their commitment to achieving them. Led by Head Coach Rob Segudovic and Assistant Coach Aaron Morando, the team endured intense practices which helped prepare the them for competitions. "The coaches and the guys do a good job of supporting each other getting each other ready before they go out to wrestle," said Coach Segudovic. "The team has to work with one another and also help one another learn and improve, but we always have fun, too," said freshman Justin Jendreas. After a year of hard work and gaining experience, the coaches and wrestlers are looking forward to next year. "I'm never satisfied or content with our performance," said Coach Segudovic. "There is always something we can do to improve on individually and as a team," Coach Segudovic added.

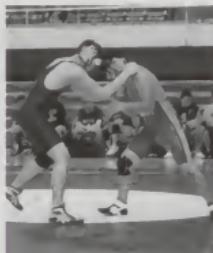
Right, Freshman Jose Miranda tries to resist getting pinned by his Hanover Central opponent. "Being a freshman this year, I learned a lot from Coach Segudovic and can't wait until next season!" Miranda said.



Left, Stephen Bajzatt holds his opponent in a locked position. This was a great season for Bajzatt. He won around 20 matches throughout the season and also made it to regionals.



Above, The Wrestling Team. Sitting: Freshman Jose Miranda, Josh Miranda and Justin Jendreas. Kneeling: Freshman Noe Torres, Junior Stephen Bajzatt, senior Manuel Galindo and junior Emenik Quiroz. Standing: Coaches Rob Segudovic and Zach Dumezich, juniors Matt Aponte, Jordan Hennessey, Luis Lazarov, Fernando Sahagun, and Coaches Milan Milutinovic and Aaron Morando.



Above, Manuel Galindo faces his Gavit opponent in hopes to defeat him and gain another win for his team.



Above, Jose Miranda shakes hands and wishes good luck to his opponent before the match begins.



Left, Fernando Sahagun takes down his opponent. "I learned a lot this season and I grew into a better wrestler. I can't wait until next year to do it all again," Sahagun said.





Right, After shooting in, Justin Jendreas attempts to bring down his opponent at a home match.

Below, Fernando Sahagun waits patiently for the whistle to blow so he can reverse and get his two points.



Above, Josh Miranda stops his opponent before time is called.
Left, Noe Torres prepares to take down his Gladiator opponent in an effort to win the match.

WINS 07

SCOREBOARD

L	Boone Grove
L-L	North Newton
W-W	Lake Station
L-W	Andrean
W-W-L	E.C. Central
W	Hammond High
L-L-L	River Forest
L-L	Gavit
L	Hobart
L-W-L	Bishop Noll
L	Goshen
L-L	Highland
L	Morton
L	Gary West Side
L	Hanover Central
L	Calumet

thoughts from

"This season was a memorable one. With much thanks to our coaches and dedicated matmaid, we were always ready to compete. The team worked hard and endured many sacrifices. Overall, we had a great season and I can't wait for next year!"
Junior Luigi Lazaro



"It was a good season. The team and I really improved since last year. Emerik, Justin and I were the only ones who made it to regionals, but everyone tried their hardest. Coach Segudovic has high expectations for our team next year."
Junior Stephen Bajait



"I thought the season went well. I learned what high school wrestling is really about and if I ever want to win titles in this sport, I need to do the extra work and wrestle during the off-season." Freshman Noe Torres



Varsity Baseball

The End of an era

1938-2010

With a school record 25 wins and their third consecutive Sectional Championship, the 2010 Whiting Oiler baseball team had one of the most successful seasons in school history. Ranked in the state 1A baseball poll the entire season and third in the state in their final poll, the team finished third in the GSSC and beat local powers Griffith, Morton, Wheeler and Bishop Noll. The Oilers also won their last game played at their historic Whiting Park baseball field in a 9-1 victory over Marquette Catholic. They won three games in the Washington Township Sectional, including a 12-4 win over Morgan Township in the Championship. They then played in the Tri-County Regional winning a thrilling 10-9 game against North White in 11 innings, only to fall to Fort Wayne Blackhawk 5-4 in the finals. "We had a great season, but it didn't turn out the way we wanted. The seniors made their mark on the baseball history of WHS. They had a record-breaking four years and their names all over the record books. It will be difficult to replace their effort and leadership," said Coach Kevin Lenz.

Right, Coaches Nastav, Jennings, Segudovic and Lenz take a final picture on the Whiting Park Baseball Field after the boys' last doubleheader, which was played against M.C. Marquette on May 22.



Left, Sophomore Gio Cruz inches towards third base. Cruz had six stolen bases to end the year and 19 RBIs. "To have the winning RBIs in the regionals game felt amazing, but I couldn't have done it without my coaches," said Cruz.



Above, The Varsity Baseball Team. Back Row: Coach Kevin Lenz, Jordan Macon, Rudy Wanek, Caleb Strabavay, Andrew Lowe, Elliott Bajda, Coty Sparks and Coach Rob Segudovic. Middle Row: Nick Filipek, Joey Bondi, Steve Kielyka, Joey Murzyn, Matt Lowe and Matt Aponte. Front Row: Miguel Romero, Kunal Darji, Emerik Quiroz, Gio Cruz, Justin Jendreas, Karan Darji and Tom Flores.



Above, Coty Sparks rounds third base. Sparks had seven doubles and one home run with 17 hits and 13 runs this season.



Above, Coach Kevin Lenz and senior Karan Darji discuss strategy before Darji's at bat. Darji had 27 hits, nine RBIs and four stolen bases.



Left, Senior Andrew Lowe prepares to pitch to 119th Street rivals, the Clark Pioneers. Lowe's record was 5-3 with 79 strikeouts and 28 balls to end the season. As a batter, Lowe had six doubles, three triples and four home runs to end with 24 runs on 24 hits and 28 RBIs.





Right, After winning the
Sectionals
Championship for the
third year running, the
Oilers gather together
to celebrate their win in
front of all of their fans.
The boys had many
superstitions as far as
winning, such as "rally
caps," feeding the
bats, and begging.



WINS 25 SCOREBOARD

US

	Record 25-8
W	Morgan Township
L	Clark
WW	Westville (DH)
W	Hebron
L	Highland
W	Hanover
W	E.C. Central
W	Morton
W	LaCrosse
W	Griffith
W	Lake Station
W	Lake Station
W	Gavit
L	Clark
W	River Forest
W	River Forest
WL	Bishop Noll (DH)
W	Calumet
W	Calumet
L	Portage
WW	North Newton (DH)
L	Wheeler
W	Wheeler
LW	Marquette Catholic (DH)
W	LaCrosse
W	Washington Township
W	Morgan Township
W	North White
L	Fort Wayne Blackhawk

Above, Senior Joey Murzyn gets his mitt ready for the incoming pitch. Murzyn was the Oilers starting catcher for not only his senior year, but his junior year also.

thoughts from

"It was great to be a part of the best team, record-wise, in WHS history. I just wish we could have won some more championships and gone out on top. I just want to thank the guys for a season I will never forget." Senior Andrew Lowe



"Being a freshman, I thought it was really cool being able to play with the older guys on a varsity team and being put in to play in the sectional and regional games was even better." Freshman Rudy Wanek



"Even though I loved catching and having all of the hits and RBIs from this year felt amazing, I'll always be a momma's boy. I'm really going to miss playing for Whiting next year." Senior Joey Murzyn



Golf

Swinging, Putting and Driving to The END

Every year when spring comes around, it only means one thing: the golf team is swinging in to play. Led by senior Jacob Wright, the team also consisted of one sophomore and six freshmen. Without the experience behind them, this season's team was definitely a learning team. Although they may not have had a winning record, the team gained the experience needed for a successful future. "My expectations were to see my players, especially ones new to the game, work hard and grow to love the game of golf," said Coach Furiak. With only one senior leaving, the team has plenty of time to grow and improve as time progresses.



Above, Senior Jacob Wright contemplates his next shot in hopes of staying ahead of his opponents at Lost Marsh.



Above, The Golf Team. Kneeling: Omar Romero, Noel Suarez, Jacob Wright and Austin Perez. Standing: Coach Marty Furiak, Alex Dillon, Sam Novak, Patrick Petru and David Matura.



Above, Coach Furiak gives some helpful tips to freshmen Alex Dillon and Patrick Petru.



Left, Freshman Omar Romero pulls his club back, taking a practice swing before actually teeing off.





Above, Freshman Sam Novak watches his shot as he finishes up his swing.

SCOREBOARD

US

4th	Calumet Tourney
L	River Forest
L	Morton
L	Wheeler
L	Morgan Township
L	Marquette
L	Bishop Noll
L	Hobart
L	Lake Station
11th	Westville Invite



Above, Sophomore David Matura is preparing to take his swing.

thoughts from

"It was a tough year for the golf team, especially after three of the varsity players quit, but overall they improved over the year. I'm just glad that I got my average below a 47."

Senior Jacob Wright



"Before I joined golf this year, I had never played. I learned how to play and had a lot of fun. We didn't do too well, but we tried hard and gained some valuable experience."

Freshman Patrick Petruf



Varsity Softball

to play it Takes talent,
to win it takes desire.

As another Lady Oilers softball season arose, the 2010 team had many challenges to face. Having lost four seniors to graduation, the team had to step up to many challenges concerning filling spots and conquering the put-downs of many pessimists. But they came out with a winning record, finishing their season 21-6 heading into the state tournament. Their hard work paid off, as they earned a historical first-ever fifth consecutive sectional title, defeating Kouts, LaCrosse and Washington Township in the process. Next they faced North White in the regional. The Lady Oilers remained victorious, defeating North White for their third consecutive regional title. Once again, the Lady Oilers would head down to the state tournament. There, after facing the familiar faces of Lakewood Park Christian, the team took a quiet bus trip back home, losing in the first round in a scoreless game until the top of the 7th inning. The Lady Oilers had an overall victorious season, proving that with hard work and dedication, anything can be accomplished.



Congratulations, Regional Champs!



Left, Junior Beth Murzyn steps up to the plate hoping to bring in the runner. Murzyn played third base and had 13 RBI's on this season.



Above, The Varsity Softball Team. First Row: Jen Hennessey, Maria Zamora, Jasmine Bejar, Lauren Vega. Second Row: Emelie Lovasko, Beth Murzyn, Sarah Jansky, Sarah Watkins, Shelby Eudakis. Fourth Row: Assistant Athletic Director Joel Romero, Head Coach Paul Laub, Amanda Blackwell, Chelsae Strabav, Ashley Pokraka, Assistant Coach Kelly Morando and Stat Keeper Monica Kazmierski.



Above, Shelby Eudakis, senior gets in her defensive position awaiting any ball that may come her way.



Above, Senior Sarah Jansky makes contact with the ball and heads off to first in the game against North Newton. Jansky completed the season with a .274 average with 23 hits including 7 doubles. "We had a great season and our entire team did well," said Jansky.



Left, Amanda Blackwell, junior, sets up for the drop ball pitch. Blackwell stepped in as catcher after the graduation of last year's catcher, Adi Cruz.





Right, The Lady Oilers celebrate Coach Laub's 500th win during the River Forest game. "I feel that the 500 wins and the two state championships are more of a testament to all the great players, assistants, coaches, parents and community members that have been part of the softball program over the years," said Coach Laub.



Above, The Lady Oilers celebrate and congratulate junior Ashley Pokraka at home plate as she hit a home run. Left, Pokraka sends in a pitch during the game against the Spartans. Pokraka had 11 strikeouts and only allowed five hits.

WINS 25

SCOREBOARD

US

W	Morgan Twp.
W - W	Calumet
L - L	Wheeler
W - W	Lake Station
L	Hebron
W - W	North Newton
W - W	River Forest
W - W	Marquette Catholic
W	Washington Twp.
L	South Central
L - L	Bishop Noll
W - W	Pioneer
W - W	Clark
W	Gavit
W	Morton
W	LaCrosse
W	Kouts
W	Westerville

US

W	Sectionals
W	Kouts
W	LaCrosse
W	Washington Township
W	Regionals
W	North White
L	Semistate
L	Lakewood Park Christian

thoughts from

"This season went really well. We all came together and we knew we had to step it up. We surprised a lot of people and played our best."

Junior Emelie Lovasko



"We had a good season. Everyone underestimated us, but we proved to them that we're still a force not to be taken lightly. I had fun and I'll miss the seniors a lot."

Junior Beth Murzyn



"I think the season went well. We did a lot better than everyone expected us to. I'm looking forward to next year and doing it all again."

Junior Amanda Blackwell



Varsity/JV Tennis

SET, SERVE SWING

The Spring 2010 tennis season started off very cold! It was mid-March and snow was still in the forecast. The cold weather couldn't dampen the Lady Oilers' enthusiasm, however. Developing chemistry, having positive attitudes, hard work and determination helped the Lady Oilers finish with a winning record. The team also played in yet another sectional game in which they defeated Bishop Noll in the first round, 3-2. "This was a great season. I am proud of the hard work and determination exhibited by all the players. I think this is what makes our team competitive and the season outcome very positive," said Coach Duncan. The team fought hard against East Chicago in the sectional championship, and anyone watching could feel their energy as they defeated the Cardinals, 4-1. The Lady Oilers also placed third in the Greater South Shore Conference, with two players being selected for All-Conference. The season ended with the team taking a trip to regionals against Munster High School where they were defeated. "Great job to the seniors. I am very proud of your performance on and off the court. I wish you the best of luck," Coach Duncan said.

Right, Coach Michelle Duncan gives the players encouraging words before starting the match against the Warriors. The Lady Oilers went on to defeat Bishop Noll, 4-1, in the team's second win of the season.



Left, Sophomore Jazmyne Henderson strategically lobs the ball back to her opponent. Henderson showed tremendous growth as she started this year as a varsity player in the No. 2 doubles position.



Above, The Varsity Tennis Team, Sectional Champions. Standing: Jazmyne Henderson, Megan Jakovich, Megan Kazmierski, Mariana Cervantes Emily Bailey and Coach Michelle Duncan. Sitting: Lupe Correjo, Melissa Rodriguez, Crystal Godinez and Danielle Weems.



Above, Sophomore Elizabeth Alvarez returns the ball to her opposing player in hopes of getting another point for her team.



Above, Returning player Megan Kazmierski forcefully hits the ball back to her opponent. Kazmierski, a No. 1 doubles player, played her best match against E.C. Central.



The Lady Oilers defeated the Lady Cardinals, 3-2. Left, Senior Melissa Rodriguez picks up the ball after her opponent serves it out of bounds. "Sectionals was very fun; however, as a senior it was my last sectional championship."





Right, The Junior Varsity Tennis Team and Coach Michelle Duncan.

Below, Crystal Godinez, senior, backhands the ball across the net. Godinez was selected All-Conference this year.



Above, Senior Ashley Thompson looks on, in ready position, awaiting the return of the ball from her opponent. Thompson played on the tennis team all four years of high school.



WINS 08

SCOREBOARD

US

W	River Forest
L	Morton
L	Marquette
L	Lake Station
W	Bishop Noll
W	Calumet
L	Hobart
W	Clark
W	Griffith
L	Wheeler
	Hanover Central
L	East Chicago

US

W	Sectionals
W	Bishop Noll
W	East Chicago
L	Regionals

Regionals

Munster

thoughts...from

"Some of my highlights were winning most of my matches with my partner and getting to play singles for the first time. Overall, this season was great and everyone played well." Sophomore Gina Saliga



"I think the season was amazing! I would like to leave all of my great memories with the current players. I will miss you all. To the new players, stay focused and always stay calm." Senior Ashley Thompson



"We had a great team this year, and it really showed. I want to wish all the girls the best of luck next year. They are a great group of girls that all work really hard. My senior year was the best year ever!" Senior Melissa Rodriguez



Touchdowns
JV Football
tacklEs
Blaze a Trail
iNterceptions

The JV players saw a lot of playing time this year, as some of them also played varsity. Although their record was 4-4, they put forth effort in every game. Coach Jennings was proud of his players and how far they came this season. "It was great to see young kids develop and get some confidence on the football field. From the first game to the last, the kids improved each game and the at the JV level, that's exactly what you want," said Coach Jennings. Now it is up to the underclassmen to work hard during the summer and be ready to show the same type of commitment for next season.



Above, Senior Alex Villa sprints down the field looking for a touchdown.



Above, Bobby Gonzalez tackles his opponent, stopping him from gaining any yards.



Above, Austin Perez stays strong and aggressive while the Warriors attempt to bring him down. Perez was a key player for the Oilers.



Above, Freshman Andy Franko approaches the tackle while his teammates have a hold on the opponent.

Above, Freshman Austin Perez and junior Bobby Gonzalez help one another out to bring their opponent down. Though the Oilers lost against Noll, they put up a fight. Below, Junior Thomas Lytle gets set for the new play that the quarterback called.



SCOREBOARD

vs.

W	Hammond Gavit
L	Wheeler
W	South Central
L	Bishop Noll
L	North Newton
L	Calumet
W	River Forest
W	Lake Station



sTrENgth

JV Volleyball

Take a Stand,
Leave a Legacy
poTENtial

Above, Both freshman Sam Bock and teammate sophomore Andrea Stephan are ready to receive the ball.

Right, Freshman Paige Guiden sets the ball. "This season, being my first, was a blast! I learned a lot and I hope next year is even better," Guiden said.



Left, Sophomore Amy Hegeduis spikes the volleyball while trying to avoid the block. Freshman Kristiana Jacinto goes to cover the hitter and gets ready to pass in case the opponent tips the ball back over.



Above, The JV Volleyball Team. Kneeling: Andrea Stephan, Paige Guiden, Samantha Book, Desiree Kristek, Rachel Kometz and Jazmyne Henderson. Standing: Alexis Frey, Isabel Sandoval, Rachel Dabertin, Amy Hegeduis, Kristiana Jacinto and Coach Jill Gajewski.

This season for the Oilers was a good learning experience. With a new set of girls, they were ready to get down to business. The team only had four remaining players, so they needed to come together. "This year was really fun. Our team grew closer throughout the season and Coach Jill taught me a lot," freshman Desiree Kristek said. They overcame tough challenges and never gave up. "Playing this year was a great learning experience. We dug ourselves out of some holes and came out with victories," said sophomore Jazmyne Henderson. "I'm looking forward to coaching these girls next year and I can't wait to see what the incoming freshmen have to offer," Coach Gajewski said.



Left, Rachel Dabertin, sophomore, serves the ball to the awaiting defense. Below, Sophomore Isabel Sandoval recovers a close tip to set it back up. "This season was more fun than I expected. Winning most of our games at the end of the season was exciting!" Sandoval said.



Above, The team shakes hands with the Clark Pioneers after an intense match.



Below, The Lady Oilers take a time out to regroup as Coach Jill talks to the team about what they need to do.



Still Believing...

JV Boys

sTrength, rEbounds

Basketball

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Despite its ups and downs, the JV basketball team had a good season and should be proud of what they achieved. "I believe that it was learning season for the team, and when next season comes around, we'll be better," freshman Tom Hildebranski said. The players are determined to come back next year with the same intensity and desire to play the game of basketball. "I think that this season was a good one, but it could have also been better," said sophomore Jon Dietz. Coach Don Salczynski was proud of his team and had some inspiring words to share. "This group of boys from juniors down to the freshmen can change the attitude of Whiting boys basketball and make this program proud and competitive over the next three to four years. It's a team effort: recognize the role you play on the team and work your hardest to fill that role," said Coach Salczynski.



Above, Freshman Patrick Petru attempts to make a basket over his defender.



Above, Tuning out distractions, Jon Dietz concentrates on making a free throw.



Above, Trying to escape the intense defense, freshman Rudy Wanek handles the ball as he attempts to spin away from a Calumet player. Wanek played many different positions; guard was one of them.



Above, The JV Basketball Team. Standing: Cameron Chorba, Matt Filipek, Patrick Petru, Matthew Tustison, Alvaro Castelan, Rudy Wanek, Coach Don Salczynski. Middle: Jon Dietz, Nick Filipek, Nicolas Obregon, Desmond Torres. Front: Tom Hildebranski, Joey Bondi, Andy Franko, Nikko Thomas and Brad Kielyka.



Below, Tom Hildebranski moves his feet to play solid defense against his opponent from Washington Twp. Hildebranski averaged three steals per game.



Above, Freshman Andy Franko handles the ball as he is going up the court. Franko was a key ball handler for the Oilers.



Left, Jumping for the ball, sophomore Matt Filipek uses his height as an advantage. Filipek averaged 40 rebounds this season.

SCOREBOARD

VS.

L	Washington Township
W	Clark
L	Griffith
L	Marquette Catholic
L	Calumet
L	Westville
L	River Forest
L	North Newton
W	Lake Station
L	Wheeler
L	LaCrosse
L	Calumet
L	River Forest
W	Bishop Noll
L	Morton
L	Gavit
L	Hanover Central
W	Grant Park
W	Morgan Township
L	Clark
L	Kouts



Above, The JV Basketball Team. Standing: Coach Kelly Morando, Adrianna Hopson, Alexis Hrabovsky, Alexis Fredy, Megan Jakovich, Andrea Stephan. Kneeling: Roxy Maslikowski, Lauren Markovich, Sayra Jimenez, Isabel Sandoval, Sam Bock.

Right, Junior Megan Jakovich gets down and ready in a good defensive stance. She succeeds in stopping the defender as her teammates continue to play tough "D" as well.



Left, Sophomore Sayra Jimenez goes up for the lay-up in the game against Calumet. Teammate Roxy Maslikowski is ready to rebound if needed.

SCOREBOARD

VS.

L	Kouts
W-W	Clark
W	Gavit
W	Westville
W	Washington Twp.
W-L	Calumet
W	Morgan Twp.
W	River Forest
W	LaCrosse
L	North Newton
W-W	Lake Station
L	Wheeler
W	Hammond High
W	Bishop Noll
W	Morton
L	South Central

basketT JV Girls defensE Basketball wiN

The Lady Oilers JV had a young new team this season and a relatively new coach, Kelly Morando. In her second year as coach, the team experienced much success, and the girls caught on quickly. They had an impressive season for having such an inexperienced team. "The season went great! The girls worked extremely hard and I couldn't be more proud of the way they played and the progress they made over the course of the season," Coach Morando said. The JV Lady Oilers finished their season with a final record of 14-5. "I am very much looking forward to next year. I can't wait to see how much my current players have matured as basketball players and how the new freshmen will respond to high school basketball," Coach Morando continued.



Above, The players line up while freshman Sam Bock shoots two free throws.

Left, Taking the ball out of bounds while trying to break the press is freshman Adrianna Hopson who gets the ball in quite easily.
Below, Not cracking under the defensive pressure, freshman Roxy Maslikowski dribbles around her defender.



Below, Freshman Lauren Markovich handles the ball to try and keep it out of her defender's reach.



Timeouts
JV
Earned runs
Baseball
No-hitters

With a rough start to their season, the junior varsity baseball team had to step it up and prove they had the talent. Miguel Romero finished the year pitching, with his biggest wins coming against Bishop Noll and Wheeler, while freshman Nick Filipek finished the year with a 3-1 record and a huge win against Wheeler. "We had the most successful season yet, going 12-6-1. Success isn't determined by wins and losses; it's about competing and seeing how much our guys improve. Despite our rocky start, the guys continued to come every day and get better. And as a coach, you can't ask for much more than that. Losing five seniors this year, some of these guys are going to have to step up and make major contributions next year," said Coach Brett Jennings.



Above, Freshman Ray Jansky prepares to pitch at a home game against Calumet. Jansky was 2-0 to end the season.



Above, Freshman Rudy Wanek sends his signal to pitcher Ray Jansky. Wanek also plays varsity occasionally.



Above, Coach Brett Jennings gives his words of advice to pitcher Jansky and catcher Wanek. Both Jansky and Wanek have given their all throughout the year to improve on what they needed to.



Above, The JV Baseball Team. Standing: Coach Mike Nastav, Ray Jansky, James Staley, Caleb Strabav, Rudy Wanek and Coach Brett Jennings. Middle Row: Andy Franke, Anthony Sotello, Josh Sparks, Nick Filipek, and Joey Bondi. Bottom Row: Justin Jendreas, Vinnie Rossodivito, Miguel Romero and Tom Hildebranski.



Above, Sophomore Vinnie Rossodivito awaits the pitch with Coach Mike Nastav in hopes of stealing second base.



Below, Freshman Justin Jendreas watches intently for the signal from Coach Jennings. Jendreas also dressed a few varsity games towards the end of the season.



Left, Sophomore Miguel Romero swings the bat as the pitch is thrown. Romero finished the year pitching with a 4-2 record with this being his second year on the team.

SCOREBOARD

VS.

L	Andreas
L	Boone Grove
L	Clark
LW	Bishop Noll (DH)
TIE	Hanover
W	E.C. Central
L	Morton
L	Highland
W	Lake Station
W	Lake Station
W	Gavit
W	Clark
W	Hammond High
W	Weeville
W	Griffith
W	North Newton
W	North Newton
W	Wheeler
W	Wheeler
L	Hobart



Above, The JV Softball Team. Front Row: Roxanne Maslikowski, Katie Shannon, Jade Demikovich, Andrea Stephan, Cathy Osorio; Middle Row: Rachel Kometz, Marina Rodriguez, Desiree Kristek, Britney Lupo, Alexis Hrabovsky, Alexis Sciacero; Top Row: Coach Jeannie Kristek, Alexis Fredy, Rachel Dabertin, Julianne Stribiak, Abigail Bondi, Coach Damian Bondi.

Right, Sophomore Rachel Dabertin dives to knock down the ball and try to get the opponent out at first.

"What I liked best about this season was the fact that we grew as a team. We had great teamwork and really bonded with each other with each other," Dabertin said.



Left, In an effort to get a base hit, freshman Abby Bondi keeps her eye on the ball and swings.



SCOREBOARD

VS.

W	Calumet
L	Wheeler
W	Lake Station
W	Boone Grove
L	North Newton
L	Westville
L	Westville
W	Bishop Noll
W	Calumet
W	Hammond High
W	Hanover Central
L	Bishop Noll
L	North Newton
W	EC Central
L	Bishop Noll
L	Wheeler

batting

JV

bases

Softball running

This year's JV softball team was a mix of experienced and new players. Led by first-year Head Coach Jeannie Kristek and Assistant Coach Damian Bondi, the team ended its season with an even 8-8 record. Though the team had numerous games scheduled, five were canceled and not rescheduled. In a season which was back and forth with wins and losses, the girls are looking forward for what's in store for next season. "We had a good softball season this year," said sophomore Allie Sciacero, "and we did a lot better than I thought we would. Having our new coach helped us out a lot and the season was fun. Hopefully next year we will do even better," Sciacero added.



Left, Sophomore Alexis Fredy gets in the correct stance to bat against the opposing pitcher.

Below, After scooping up a grounder, junior Julianne Stribiak throws the ball to first base.



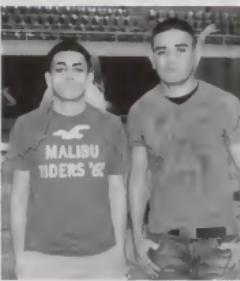
Below, Seeing the opportunity to get the third out to end an inning, freshman Desiree Kristek catches the ball at third.



Above, Sophomore Allie Sciacero is concentrating on fielding a grounder hit to her out in center field.

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Activities





HOMECOMING

'A Season to Remember'

Homecoming 2009, "A Season to Remember," was filled with a lot of competition, school spirit and firsts. The students began the week in their pajamas and slippers, decorating their designated hallways after school on Monday. The dress-up days continued with Sports Day, Crazy Hair Day, Clash Day and traditional Green and White Day. On Thursday, the classes participated in the parade, followed by the traditional bonfire and pep rally. On Friday, the competition continued at the pep rally and volleyball game. During halftime at the homecoming game vs. North Newton, Karan Darji, and Melissa Rodriguez were announced King and Queen. "I felt really happy, thanks to everyone who voted for me," said Darji. "Winning Queen was pretty exhilarating," said Rodriguez. After the crowning, the seniors were awarded the Spirit Stick for the first time in their high school career. They won the parade, hallway decorating and volleyball game competition.

Congratulations, Class of 2010!



Above, During halftime at the homecoming game against North Newton, last year's Homecoming Queen Christabel Gutierrez presents senior Melissa Rodriguez with a bouquet.

Below, Freshmen Katherine Shannon, Ivy Salazar, Cristina Campos, Cathy Osorio, Lauren Markovich and Zahari Gomez prepare to walk in the parade.



Right, The senior class celebrates after being awarded the Spirit Stick for the first time in their high school career. Left, The juniors compete against the seniors in the volleyball championship.



Above, The 2009 Homecoming Court. Seated: Vayatta Arroyo, Joshua Sparks, Karan Darji, Melissa Rodriguez, Steven Taylor and Alexis Sciacero. Standing: Camilo Campos, Miriam Miramontes, Michael Misner, Lauren Vega, Amy Mahony and Matt Keown.



Above, The juniors gather around the bonfire after the parade before heading to the dance.



celebration

Left, The King and Queen share a special moment after the crowning.

Below, Vayta Arroyo and Joshua Sparks, freshmen, represent their class.



Below, The seniors cheer on their class at the pep rally as they compete in the volleyball tournament.



Right, Sophomores Gabriela Zapien and Katelyn Malacina enjoy themselves as they share a friendly dance.

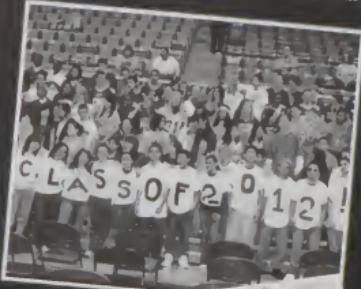


Above, Sophomores Alvaro Castelan and Yvette Meraz decorate their hallway.

Right, As part of a tradition, the members of the class of 2010 participate in the "Senior Circle" at the dance.



Below, The juniors walk in the parade as elves and reindeer to go along with their "winter" theme.



2010
Homecoming





culture, food, friends kultur, lebensmittel, freunde Oktoberfest

This year the German students were ready and eager for Oktoberfest. "We talked about it every day in German. Sarah W., Emelie, Beth and I went to the other classes to talk to them about it. They seemed really excited!" senior Erica Simunic said. "It required a great deal of planning to find a good catering service and shopping for decorations and supplies. Students helped by making a lot of decorations. They really worked hard and did a terrific job," Frau Anderson said. There was a bigger variety of food and lots of fun activities this year which the students really enjoyed. The students participated in a Human Pyramid Race, a Root Beer Drinking Contest, a Suitcase Race, and the Chicken Dance. "I think that the students enjoyed the food more because we had more of an extensive menu and there were so many donated desserts. We also had excellent help from both of our parent volunteers, Mrs. Mills-Groninger and Mr. Lovasko," Frau said. With a team effort, a great time was had by all.

Right, Senior Joe Murzyn announces the start of the Root Beer Drinking Contest, while junior Max Mills-Groninger prepares himself for the challenge.

Below, Freshman Joey Lytle participates in the Suitcase Race. Lytle's team was the quickest team and finished first.



Above, Senior Kim Atteberry and freshman Veronica Zaragoza race to drink two cups of root beer in the Root Beer Drinking Contest.



Above, The German Club members gather together after having a very eventful afternoon that included food, friends and fun.



Above, Competing in the Suitcase Race is freshman Cristina Campos. Despite losing her hat, her team still won.



Above, The Second Place Team in the Human Pyramid Race. Bottom: Fernando Sahagun, Max Mills-Groninger, Tom Lytle. Middle: Emelie Lovasko, Beth Murzyn. Top: Joey Lytle.



Above, German Club President senior Sarah Watkins and Frau Anderson are doing the Chicken Dance. Many of the other students joined in also.





Above, The Science Olympiad team gathers for a group shot after a successful year. "The hard work and dedication has paid off with our best finish at state ever," said Mr. Nichols. "The senior leadership this year has helped build a very solid foundation for us to build on in the future."



Above, Junior Stephen Duha works on his "Mission Possible" device to ensure that everything is running smoothly for the upcoming competition.

Below, Senior Aldo Lopez and sophomore Leslie Zarate set up their "Egg-o-naut" device on the day of the Whiting Invitational. They earned a third place in that event.



Above, Freshman Vayta Arroyo studies right before she goes to compete, while freshman Mason Markovich takes more notes to prepare himself for his next event.



Above, Junior Becca Pietrzicki and seniors Ilse Jimenez and Crystal Godinez discuss an experiment for "Experimental Design" at the Whiting Invite.

Time, Excellence, Notability Science Olympiad

The Science Olympiad team kicked off the year at their home invitational, receiving a fourth place, which pushed students to work hard the rest of the season. A large number of students joined the team this year, which allowed for A, B, and C teams. Science Olympiad took part in invitationals at East Chicago Central, coming in third place; Niles West High School; and the regional competition at Purdue Calumet, where the team received a second place, taking them all the way to Indiana University Bloomington for the state competition. There, the team made Whiting history placing seventh overall, the highest ever, and also brought home the most state medals ever. "I am extremely proud of this team and all their hard work and dedication," said Mr. Long. Overall, the Science Olympiad team had another successful year.



Left, Seniors Crystal Godinez and Melissa Rodriguez carefully test their bridge at the regional competition at Purdue Calumet. They had astonishing efficiency and at the awards ceremony that day they received a first place in "Elevated Bridge."



Above, Freshmen Alexis Osoria and Ivy Salazar work well under pressure. Right, Ilse Jimenez and Crystal Godinez prepare to display their school flag.



Sen10r Directed One-Acts

Like many of the other senior activities, the Senior Directed One-Acts have become an annual tradition at WHS. This year there were six productions which were performed over a two-day period, November 7-8. Senior directors included Steven Atteberry, Matt Keown, Andrew Lowe, Amy Mahony, Sarah Mureiko, Alexia Obregon, Melissa Rodriguez and Sarah Watkins. Each act was performed by a small number of Drama Club members, many of whom took part in more than one production. "We had a good turnout on Saturday," said Drama Club Sponsor Mr. Patrick Pecher. "Sunday's turnout was less. The auditorium seats over 500. I would like to sell out each night," Mr. Pecher continued. Despite Sunday's small turnout, the directors were more than satisfied with their individual casts and the fact that everyone was prepared and enthusiastic to put on the best possible production. Senior directors also thank Mr. Pecher and Mr. Allen for all of their hard work, guidance and support.



"Jolly Roger"
Director: Matt Keown



"Red vs The Wolf"
Director: Andrew Lowe



"After Hours"
Director: Melissa Rodriguez



"Inspector Detector and the Precious Treasure"

Directors: Steven Atteberry & Sarah Mureiko



"Man of the House"

Director: Amy Mahony



"Cafe Murder"
Director: Sarah Watkins

production



Sectionals

'The mEltdown'

In the cold of winter, what is a better way to spend an evening than at "The Meltdown?" That was the theme of this year's Sectionals dance hosted by the class of 2012 held on the evening of February 28. Guests arrived to a gym filled with purple, blue and white, and after receiving tickets and voting for the queen, the fun began. The night was filled with dancing, friends, beautiful dresses, handsome suits and all around fun. The Sectional Sweetheart Court included freshman Guiselle Garcia escorted by Omar Romero; sophomore Kati Malacina escorted by Caleb Strabavy; junior Megan Kazmierski escorted by Fernando Sahagun; senior Sarah Murieko escorted by Steven Atteberry; and Chelsae Strabavy escorted by Aldo Lopez. After much anticipation, Chelsae Strabavy was announced as the Sectionals Queen and Steven Atteberry as the King. The sophomores did a wonderful job, and the dance will definitely be one to remember.

Below, The guests at the dance have a great time with all of their friends and classmates at "The Meltdown" hosted by the sophomores.



Right, Juniors Megan Kazmierski and Fernando Sahagun pose for pictures as they enter the gym for the presentation of the court at the dance.



Above, The Sectional Court. Standing: Sophomores Caleb Strabavy and Kati Malacina; seniors Sarah Murieko and Aldo Lopez; juniors Megan Kazmierski and Fernando Sahagun. Seated: Freshman Guiselle Garcia; seniors Steven Atteberry and Chelsae Strabavy; and freshman Omar Romero.

Right, Seniors Rachel Sherer, Katie Franciski and Lauren Kielyka show off their dresses and how much fun they are having at their last sectional dance of their high school career.



Below, Junior Steven Bajzatt shows off his break-dancing moves for the rest of the guests while everyone dances along to the music of the DJ.



Tremendous fun



Above, Mr. Harker, Class of 2012 Sponsor Mrs. Sotello, and Mrs. Wilson supervise the dance while having a good time themselves.

Left, Sectionals Queen senior Chelsae Strabavy is crowned during the dance.



Right, Senior Ilse Jimenez and her date for the night enjoy a slow dance.

Below, Junior Brittney Lupo and senior Rachel Sherer are clearly having a good time.



Below, Sophomores Jasmine Lopez, Chandler Saints-Semon and Gina Saliga dance the night away together out on the dance floor.



Spring Product10n

'Cinderella'

Only a short while after the senior directed one-acts, it was time to start preparations for the WHS Drama Club's spring production, "Cinderella," directed by Mr. Scott Allen. "I could not have asked for a better cast. They worked very hard, they took direction, they memorized their lines very quickly, and they helped with anything that needed to be done," said Mr. Allen. The cast played out some scenes from the movie and also added a few new scenes and songs to the production. There was also a good audience turnout. "There were a lot of kids who came to the show, which I really liked to see," said Mr. Allen. With about 30 students in the cast and 10 more students working behind the scenes, the play was a great success. "It made things very easy knowing that they were doing what they were supposed to be doing backstage, and not just goofing around," said Mr. Allen. "The play was awesome. I hope the kids had as good a time performing the show as I did watching it," Mr. Allen continued.



Above, Lionel, Matt Keown, announces that the prince is giving a ball. Below, The cast take their final bows.



Below, Cinderella asks her friends, the mice, what she should wear to the Royal Ball.



Right, Cinderella's stepmother (Melissa Rodriguez), and stepsisters Joy (Alexia Gomez) and Grace (Erica Simunic) discuss who should marry the prince.



Above, Cinderella, senior Sarah Watkins, and Prince Christopher, freshman Elliot Bibat, share their first dance at the Royal Ball.



Above, Cinderella's Fairy Godmother, Jasmine Lopez, tells her that "it's possible."





Left, Prince Christopher discovers Cinderella's identity by placing the glass slipper on her foot.

Below, Cinderella cleans the floor under her stepmother's orders.

Below, Queen Constantina, Zarahi Gomez, tries to convince her son to have the Royal Ball.



Right, Cinderella and Prince Christopher sing the "The Sweetest Sounds."



Above, Fairy Godmother prepares Cinderella's horse and carriage for the prince's Royal Ball.
Right, The villagers gather around to hear the exciting announcement.



Below, Prince Christopher dances with Joy, one of Cinderella's stepsisters.



action!



Prom 2010

'Masquerade Ball'

Prom 2010 was a ball! It was a masquerade ball, in fact, hosted by class sponsor Mr. Derrick Milenkoff and the class of 2011 on May 1. The magical night began at pre-prom held in the WHS Auditorium which allowed families and friends to join in the prom festivities as they watched elegantly dressed couples be introduced on stage by Mr. Moynihan. Soon after, the couples arrived at the Lost Marsh where they sat at beautifully decorated tables for dinner. After eating, everyone was inching their way to the dance floor to show off their moves. The music was presented by DJ Music4You. Not long after, everyone was anticipating the crowning of king and queen. Joseph Murzyn was voted Prom King and Chelsae Strabavy, Prom Queen. "Prom was more than I had expected. I had a great time with my date Lauren Kieltyka," said Murzyn. "I will never forget that night!" said Strabavy.



Above, Mr. Milenkoff, junior class sponsor, wishes everyone a wonderful evening.

Below, Senior Alexia Obregon and her date are all smiles during a slow dance.



Right, Seniors Katherine Staley and Aldo Lopez are ready to enjoy their evening together at Lost Marsh.



Above, Prom Princess Jen Hennessey, Prince Matt Aponte, King Joey Murzyn and Queen Chelsae Strabavy are overwhelmed with excitement as they take a group photo.



Above, Junior Marina Rodriguez and date Cesar Duarte dance alongside friends, senior Sal Salazar and junior Krystal Casanova.



music, food & dance moves!



Left, Sisters, senior Sarah Wheeler and freshman Katie Wheeler, flash beautiful smiles. Below, Senior Leonel Villa and sophomore Becky Tirado share a laugh.

Below, Mr. Milenkoff offers a warm welcome to junior Max Mills-Groninger and sophomore Kaylee Peterson.



Right, Juniors Beth Murzyn and Emelie Lovasko are waiting to present the prom court with their sashes.



Above, Juniors Brittney Lupo and Steve Kieltyka walk across stage at pre-prom.

Right, Senior Monica Vera and her date are waiting anxiously outside their party bus that will take them to prom.



Below, Senior Ilse Jimenez and her date take a time-out from dancing.



Graduation

A New Beginning

As the seniors look back upon their four years at Whiting High School, there are many memories that will never be forgotten. The girls spent times looking for those perfect dresses for every dance, while guys were more concerned with what was on ESPN for the night. Others were painting their bodies for the football games, while some were playing in the games. As the young men and women of the class of 2010 tossed their caps in the air, they look forward to the future, whether they have plans to go to college or work a full-time job, or whether they are going to stay in Whiting or move hundreds of miles away. No matter what the future may hold, when they look back on their high school years to either tell tales to their children or to just remember their childhood, their memories of every teacher, every sporting event, every dance and every assembly will always be with them. No matter where they are, the class of 2010 will always find their way back home.



Above, Heather Stupeck and Lauren Kieltyka congratulate each other after throwing their caps.

Below, Seniors move their tassles to their right side to complete the ceremony.



Right, After finally putting on their caps and gowns, the guys are ready for the ceremony to begin. Many of them have been friends for years and have formed lifelong friendships.



Above, After Superintendent Dr. Sandra Martinez graduates the class, students throw their caps high into the air in celebration.



Below, Andrew Lowe receives the Dirk Flick Memorial Scholarship presented by Mr. Paul Laub.



Above, Salutatorian Crystal Godinez and Valedictorian Ilse Jimenez stand together before lining up with the rest of their classmates.



elation!

Left, Katherine Staley and Aldo Lopez were awarded the City of Whiting Scholarship by Chris Sarvanidis.

Below, Manny Galindo is all smiles after receiving his diploma.

Below, La'Jerica Thomas waits in line for her graduation medallion from Sponsor John Strabavy.



Right, School Board President Stephanie Stamper-Strabavy delivers the Principal's Message for Mr. Harker.



Above, Monica Kazmierski shakes Mr. Strabavy's hand while receiving her flower. Right, Joey Murzyn receives the Whiting FOP Lodge #68 Scholarship from Sgt. James Butler.



Below, Some of the girls pause for a picture before finishing putting on their caps and gowns.



Clubs & Extracurriculars

Academic Team

Top Row: Mason Markovich, Dominic Hernandez, Jonathan Dietz, Matthew Filipek
Middle Row: Brianna Scivinsky, Ashley Thompson, Jazmin Castellanos, Kimberly Atteberry
Bottom Row: Thomas Lytle, Guadalupe Cornejo, Aldo Lopez, Sarah Watkins



Band

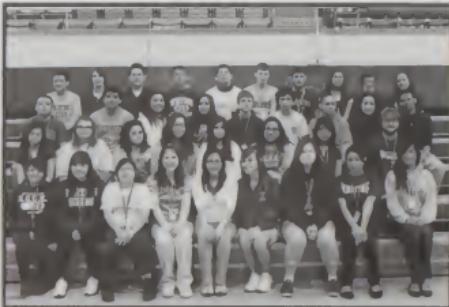
Top Row: Brian Lawson, Mason Markovich, Dominic Hernandez, Fernando Sahagun, Luis Lazaro, Edgar Carrillo
Middle Row: Guiselle Garcia, Rachel Grunhard, Nick Lawson, Adrian Campos, Melissa Rodriguez, Samantha Bock
Bottom Row: Marcilena Nodal, Yvette Meraz, Anthony Sotello, Yvonne Meraz, Vanessa Tirado

Booster Club

President Emelie Lovasko
Vice-President Jen Hennessey
Treasurer Beth Murzyn
Secretary Amanda Blackwell



Choir



Drama Club



German Club

Officers: Erica Simunic, Sarah Watkins, Emelie Lovasko, Beth Murzyn



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Mayor's Youth Advisory

Back Row: Joey Murzyn, Amanda Blackwell, Beth Murzyn, Emelie Lovasko, Aldo Lopez

Front Row: Rachel Dabertin, Sarah Watkins, Emily Balley, Kate Forrestal



National Honor Society

President Monica Kazmierski

Vice-President Megan Kazmierski

Secretary Annamarie Arnold

Treasurer Beth Murzyn

Science Olympiad



S.T.A.N.D.D.

Stats & Managers

Marysol Garcia, Heather Stupeck, Monica Kazmierski,
Desiree Kristek, Nick Zepeda



Student Ambassadors

Back Row: Jake Wright, Steven Kieltyka, Joe Murzyn, Andrew Lowe
Front Row: Sarah Jansky, Megan Kazmierski, Sarah Watkins, Lupe Cornejo

Student Council

Front Row: Treasurer Enrique Silva, Vice-President Manny Galindo, President Joe Murzyn, Secretary Sarah Mureiko
Second Row: Amanda Blackwell, Jessica Arredondo, Jen Hennessey, Karan Darji, Tom Flores, Elliot Bibat
Third Row: Bobby Gonzalez, Joel Gomez, Alex Dillon, Taylor McNinch, Abby Bondi, Veronica Zaragoza
Fourth Row: Caleb Strabavy, Amy Hegeduis, Maria Salazar



Student Publications

Bottom Row: La'Jerica Thomas, Megan Kazmierski, Annamarie Arnold (Reflector Editor), Monica Vera (Reflector Editor), Beth Murzyn, Jasmine Bejar (Tattler Layout Editor)
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Top Row: Ryan Augustyn

Timeless, Endless, Non-stop fun

People





POTENTIAL
Freshmen





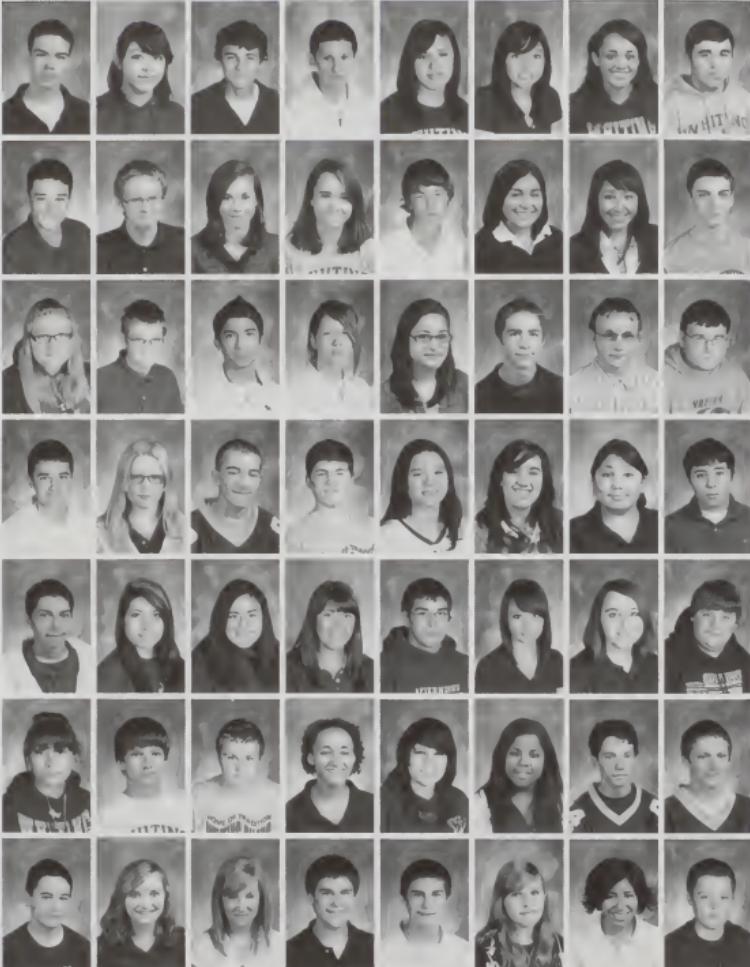
Freshman Class Officers: President Elliot Bibat; Vice-President Cristina Campos; Treasurer Matt Lowe; Secretary Desiree Kristek



Freshmen

Class of 2013

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Alvarado-Balderas, Loren
Alvarez, David
Anderson, Taylor
Arnold, Angelia
Arroyo, Vanessa
Avila, Alexa
Beyer, Alejandro





Lowe, Matthew
Lusebrink, Sarah
Lytle, Joseph
Markovich, Lauren
Markovich, Mason
Martinez, Edwin
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Matulewicz, Luke

Medina, Celina
Mendoza, Javier
Meraz, Yvonne
Michniewicz, Delaney
Miranda, Jose
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Morales, Cecilia
Morales, Elizabeth

Munoz, Anya
Nevarrez, Jesus
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Oregon, Nicolas
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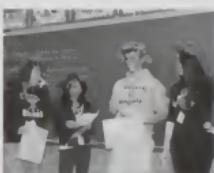
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Williams, Katherine
Williams, Nichole
Wright, Hunter
Zaragoza, Veronica



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Sophomores





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Class of 2012

Almendarez, Thalia
Alvarez, Elizabeth
Aguayo, Samantha
Austin, Matthew
Ballas, Emily
Basson, Brett
Bassora, Gianna
Bastista, Abraham



Bondi, Joseph
Campa, Adrian
Castillo, Sarah
Castelan, Alvaro
Cervantes, Mariana
Chavez, Mark
Cruz, Giovanni
Cuevas, Rosendo



Dobertin, Rachel
de la Paz, Steven
DeLeon, Emily
DeLana, Xavier
Demirkovich, Jade
Dietz, Jonathan
Dilbeck, Lindsey
Domogala, Danielle



Duha, Stephen
Duran, Jennifer
Filipot, Matthew
Forestal, Kadyn
Frody, Alexis
Frithingham, Jacob
Garcia, Heisell
Gomez, Jessica



Hegedus, Amy
Henderson, Jaantyne
Hernandez, Dominic
Herringer, Megan
Hrabovsky, Alexis
Huizar, Nicholas
Hutchison, Kelsey
Iniguez, Rafael



Jimenez, Alberto
Jimenez, Sayra
Juarez-Medina, Hector
Kempke, Joshua
Kempke, Kyle
Korman, Nicholas
Lopez, Jasmine
Lopez, Manuel



Macon, Jordan
Malacina, Katelyn
Matura, David
McNinch, Jacob
Meraz, Yvette
Misner, Paige
Montero Lopez, Claudia
Moore, Nabeeh





Obregon, Luke
Ortizco, Jose
Peterson, Kaylee
Ponce, Jorge
Puente, Angelica
Randall, Kelsey
Rangel, Deandre
Rangel, Jasmine



Romero, Anna
Romero, Miguel
Rossodivito, Vincent
Sant-Simon, Chandler
Salazar, Maria
Saliga, Gina
Sandoval, Isabel
Sandoval, Julie



Scuccero, Alexis
Socolover, Steven
Sparks, Coty
Staley, James
Stephan, Andrea
Surabay, Caleb
Taylor, Steven
Tirado, Edgar



Tirado, Rebecca
Tobias, David
Torres, Cristina
Tutusson, Matthew
Weems, Danielle
Zapin, Gabriela
Zarne, Leslie



on a scale of one to TEN,
we're an eleven!

Juniors





Junior Class Officers: Treasurer Beth Murzyn; Vice President Luigi Lazaro; Secretary Emelie Lovasko; and President Amanda Blackwell



Juniors

Class of 2011

Aponte, Matthew
Arredondo, Jessica
Bajda, Elliott
Bazatt, Stephen
Bejar, Jasmine
Bharatia, Ojas



Bharatiya, Vatsal
Blackwell, Amanda
Blood, Peter
Campos, Camilo
Cardoso, Roxena
Casanova, Krystal



Castellanos, Jazmin
Cervantes, Samantha
Cornejo, Guadalupe
Cosseyeon, Erica
Dahn, John Paul
Demkowicz, Corina



Espinosa, Phillip
Foster, Jake
Garcia, Katrina
Garcia, Marysol
Gaudette, Haley
Gomez, Joel



Gomez, Sandy
Gonzalez, Mayra
Gonzalez Jr., Roberto
Grunhard, Rachel
Hennessey, Jennifer
Hennessey, Jordan





Inglada, Anthony
Isbill, Amanda
Jakovich, Megan
Kazmierski, Megan
Kieltyka, Steven
Kompier, Thomas



Lanman, Jonathon
Lazaro, Luis
Lema, Jordy
Lovasko, Emelie
Loveings, Christopher
Loza, Jasmine



Lupo, Brittney
Lytle, Thomas
Marin, Elizabeth
Marin, Melina
McNinch, Taylor
Mills-Groninger, Maxwell



Miramontes, Miriam
Moen, Erica
Murzyn, Elizabeth
Ojeda, Edgar
Perez, Oscar
Pietrzycski, Rebecca



Pokraka, Ashley
Quiroz, Emerik
Quiroz, Melissa
Reyna, Alejandra
Rodriguez, Marina
Rojas, Krystal

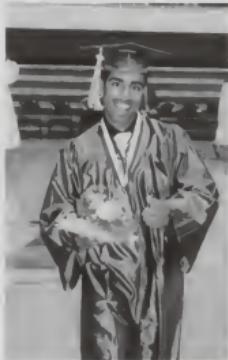


Roldan, Michael
Sahagun, Fernando
Salazar, Ignacio
Sanchez, Ernest
Simmons, Juwan
Skylas, Evelyn



Soto, Justin
Sparano, Gabrielle
Stribiak, Julianne
Thomas, Nikko
Zamora, Linda
Zepeda, Nicolas

atTENtion seniors:
we made it!





Senior Class Officers: President Aldo Lopez, Vice-President Katherine Staley, Secretary Monica Kazmierski and Treasurer Monica Vera



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Annamarie Arnold
Banana

Activities: Stat Person 2-4; STANDD 3-4; Booster Club 3-4; Spanish Club 1,3; Student Publications 3-4; NHS 1-4; Who's Who 2-3
 Likes: Texting, purple, volleyball, my friends and family, laughing, dancing, having fun, writing, working out, walks on the beach, chocolate milkshakes, Ms. Hytek and listening to music
 Dislikes: People that irritate me, hairs, cats, cold, ignorant people, and headaches
 Future Plans: Go to college and get a degree for nursing, travel, get married and start a family.
 Other Awards/Achievements: Who's Who Among Young Authors, Who's Who Among Science, National Honor Roll, Reflector Editor, NHS Secretary and Honor Roll



Bernardo Aupont
Benny

Other Schools Attended: St. Lawrence Seminary and George Washington
 Likes: Fooling around, being around people, being outdoors, playing soccer, and vanilla milkshakes from McDonald's
 Dislikes: Being bored, having nothing to do, and doing homework
 Future Plans: Go to college, have fun, and do whatever makes me happy.



Kimberly Lynn Atteberry
Kim, Kimbo

Activities: Tennis 1-4; Academic Team 4; Science Olympiad 1-4; STANDD 3; Student Council 3; Drama Club 4; German Club 1-3; Who's Who 2-4; Kiwanis Top Ten 1-4
 Likes: Summer fun, music, The Rave, adventures, the beach, going to the lake, science, Curious George fruit snacks, football games, tennis, Hello Kitty, being silly, and my friends
 Dislikes: Guatemalan chocolate, arrogance, narrow-minded people, hypocrites, drama, insconsiderate people, and Milwaukee.
 Future Plans: Attend Purdue West Lafayette to get a degree in biology and then pursue a career in the medical field.

Other Awards/Achievements: 10 Science Olympiad medals



James Ray Boles, Jr.

Other Schools Attended: George Rogers Clark
 Activities: Booster Club 4
 Likes: Hanging out with Shelly and Juan, playing basketball, gyros, Chicago White Sox, and Chicago Bulls
 Dislikes: Chicago Cubs, waking up early, and Valpo labs
 Future Plans: Get married and have kids.



Steven Edward Atteberry
Big Fish

Activities: Football 1-2; Wrestling 1; STANDD 3-4; Booster Club 4; Drama Club 4; German Club 1-4; Sectionals Court 4; Sectionals King 4
 Likes: Sur Sur, King Cho Suey, morning rain, Ryan, Scrubs, Hanson, Flogging Molly, being fresh, Goosenecks T.V. shows, The Simpsons, and James
 Dislikes: Smelly people, Murphy Brown, Kris Kiss, and wind
 Future Plans: Attend Purdue Calumet and making a big
 Other Awards: Indiana Boy Scout 1998



Brittany Nicole Bulatovich
Bitty, Brickette

Activities: Basketball 1-2; Cross Country 1; Cheerleading 3; STANDD 3-4; Booster Club 1-4; Student Council 3-4; Spanish Club 1,3
 Likes: Peanut M&M's, Jordan Macaron, Nicholas Sparks books, hanging out with the twin, baseball and basketball games, Spongebob, Taylor Swift, the beach, cleaning, summer, Sox, terms, and Facebook
 Dislike: Bugs, bars, meatloaf, seafood, and math
 Future Plans: Attend Holy Cross and become an oncology nurse, then get married and have kids.



Ryan Joseph Augustyn

Activities: Wrestling 1-2; Science Olympiad 1; STANDD 3-4; Student Publications 4; Drama Club 1-2; German Club 2,4; Sectionals Court 1
 Likes: VCRs, The Cure, myself, George, Mt. Dew, tight clothes, colorful shoes that match, cold cans, Merlin, and tattoos
 Dislikes: Bumt stuff, snakes, country music, milk, and being bored
 Future Plans: Attend Purdue Calumet and hopefully become a successful model.



Edgar A. Carrillo

Activities: Spanish Club 1,3
 Likes: My girlfriend, guitars, cars, screaming music, the color red, Chicago White Sox and sleeping
 Dislikes: Country music
 Future Plans: Attend college and get a bachelor's or master's degree in mechanical engineering.
 Other Awards/Achievements: Graduating



Tracy D. Casanova

Activities: STANDD 3-4; Booster Club 4; Spanish Club 1,3
Likes: Shopping, Saturday nights. Tweety Bird, my girls and boys, music, getting my nails done, California, Reese's peanut butter cups, and Chicago
Dislikes: Winter, meatballs, birds, ugly eyebrows, rude people, and fake people
Future Plans: Attend Indiana University Northwest for nursing, get my pearl white Cadillac Escalade pick-up, get married and have a amazing home with beautiful babies.
Other Awards/Achievements: Graduating



Karan K. Darji
K1

Activities: Basketball 1-3; Baseball 1-2, 4; Student Council 2-4; Spanish Club 1; Homecoming Court 4; Homecoming King 4
Likes: Massages, X-Box (Duty), music, ping pong, baseball, girls, being crazy, being active, goldfish, summer, driving, working out, the colors blue and black, pushing people, iced tea and having fun
Dislikes: Liars, smart cars, headaches, winter, hot dogs, reading, cats, and little kids on X-Box Future Plans: Attend college, get a degree in accounting and live an adventurous, happy life. Other Awards/Achievements: Sectionals and Regionals Baseball Champs 2008, Sectionals Baseball Champs 2010, and Honor Roll 2008, 2009, 2010



Antonio De Jesus Cervantes
Tony

Likes: Math, the color red, my cell phone, Mrs. Henschel's Choice class, presents, hot Cheetos, Pepsi, and going to Cadet Teaching
Dislikes: Being tired, reading, being in front of the class, cats, chemistry, writing essays, hars, speeches, and getting bad grades
Future Plans: Attend college and become successful.
Other Awards/Achievements: Graduating



Krunal K. Darji
Kuni

Activities: Basketball 1-2; Baseball 1-4; Booster Club 4
Likes: Call of Duty, Summer, Cubs, cute girls, music, Megan Fox, sleeping in, the color red, pizza, and my cell phone
Dislikes: White Sox, cats, waking up early, reading, hot dogs, Mondays, and people who chew with their mouth open
Future Plans: Attend ISU, be rich, get married, and own a Maserati.



Christine Anais Cervantes
Mina

Activities: Tennis 2; Football Manager 1-3; Spanish Club 1,3
Likes: Purple, hugs, smiles, 4th Hour World History, Enrique Silva, eating snacks before each class, hanging out with friends, summertime, texting, walks in the park, hot Cheetos, chocolate, and Pineapple Express
Dislikes: Waking up early, doing homework, any type of math, Chinese food, arguing, and cold weather
Future Plans: Attend college to become a successful nurse, get married and have kids someday.
Other Awards/Achievements: Graduating



Silvia Delgado

Activities: STANDD 3; Booster Club 3-4; Spanish Club 1,3
Likes: Summer, music, movies, hanging out with friends, Greenbay Packers, and Chicago Cubs
Dislikes: Reading, winter, and thunder
Future Plans: Move to Texas, earn a degree in business and have a good job.



Juan Jose Cervantes, Jr.
Juanito, Juanster

Activities: Booster Club 4; German Club 4; Sectionals Court 3
Likes: Hanging out with my best friend Shelby, blue stuff, 4th Hour World History, heart-to-heart conversations with Brittany Bulanovich and James Boles.
Dislikes: Banana, writing, waking up early, and annoying kids
Future Plans: Attend college, get married in 20 years and have 10 kids.



Shelby Raye Eudakis

Activities: Basketball 2; Volleyball 1; Softball 1-4; Booster Club 4; Spanish Club 1,3
Likes: Softball, Cubs, summer, Doritos, the taco dance, Zac Efron, McChicken, ceramics with Mrs. Mindas, and hanging out with my best friend Juan
Dislikes: Compulsive liars, crocs, waking up early, White Sox, seafood, hypocrites, spiders, and when people go tanning too much and turn orange
Future Plans: Attend IUN for four years and become a social worker.

industrious, TENacious

ambitious, competENT



Thomas J. Flores
T-F-L-O

Activities: Basketball 1-3, Baseball 1-4; Booster Club 4; Student Council 2-4; German Club 4; Kiwanis Top Ten 1
Likes: Cars, playing Duy, texting, sports, laughing, movies, sleeping, poker, new people, staying in shape, computer, music, Cobalt SS, having fun, and White Castle
Dislikes: Spiders, seafood, stupid movies, the cold, ugly cars, ignorant people, and bugs
Future Plans: Attend College and pursue a degree in accounting and be very successful in life.
Other Awards/Achievements: 2008 Sectional & Regional Baseball Champs, 2009, 2010 Sectionals Baseball Champs, Perfect Attendance, and A-B Honor Roll



Javier J. Gutierrez
Javi

Activities: Football 4, Wrestling 3; Spanish Club 1,3; Homecoming Court 2
Likes: Football, rap, hip-hop, summer, cars, money, hanging out with friends, soccer, and girls
Dislikes: Country music, haters, and cold weather
Future Plans: Attend college and study criminal justice and be a cop
Other Awards/Achievements: Graduating high school and getting a job



Kathleen Elizabeth Franciski
Katie

Activities: Volleyball 1-3; STANDD 3-4; Booster Club 1-4; Spanish Club 1,3; Homecoming Court 1
Likes: My friends and loving family, many memories I've made throughout high school, summer, Chicago, tanning, rollerblading, my cat Sebastian, being creative, laughing, traveling, acting crazy with my friends, all the adventures with my nursing class and my sista
Dislikes: Bugs (spiders), cold, smell of Whitng, fake people, and waking up early
Future Plans: Attend college and become a nurse, get married, move out of Whitng and then start a little family.



Sarah Anne Jansky

Activities: Volleyball 1-4; Softball 1-4, Cheerleading 3, STANDD 3; Student Ambassador 4; Booster Club 4; Spanish Club 1,3
Likes: Softball, volleyball, swimming, working out, shopping, texting, turtles
Dislikes: Fake people, spiders, bugs
Future Plans: Attend college and study elementary education
Other Awards/Achievements: Softball's longest undefeated team in the state of Indiana, Volleyball Sectionals Champs 2008; Softball State Champs '08; Sectionals Champs '07, '08, '09, '10; Regional Champs '07, '08, '09, '10; Final Four '08, '09; Softball Team All Conference '07, '08, '09; LAC Blue Division Champs '07; GSSC Undefeated Champs '08



Manuel Galindo
Manny, Man-E

Other Schools Attended: De La Salle
Activities: Football 2-4; Baseball 2; Wrestling 4; STANDD 2; Spanish Club 3
Likes: Football, Call of Duty, wrestling, summer, Ms. Hylek, Mr. Romero, girls, cats, hanging out with friends, competition, MySpace and Facebook, Spiderman, Selena Gomez, Vanessa Hudgens and Megan Fox
Dislikes: Chicago White Sox, waking up early, losing, and reading
Future Plans: Hopefully pursue a successful career in auto mechanics or mechanical engineering.



Ilse Vanessa Jimenez
Ilis, Skills

Activities: Cross Country 1-2, 4; Cheerleading 1,3; Science Olympiad 2-4; STANDD 3-4; Mayor's Youth Advisory 2; Spanish Club 1,3; NHS 4; Kiwanis Top Ten 1-4; Sectionals Court 3
Likes: Going out and having fun with my friends
Dislikes: Rude people, waiting, and arguing
Future Plans: Attend college and medical school to become a doctor.
Other Awards/Achievements: Valedictorian; Science Olympiad Oceanography State Champion



Crystal Godinez

Activities: Basketball 1; Volleyball 1-4; Tennis 2-4; Science Olympiad 2-4; STANDD 2-4; Spanish Club 1,3; NHS 3-4
Likes: Eating, tennis, IUB, Mexico, watching movies, hanging out with friends, candy, green and blue, summer, high school, Science Olympiad, vacations, and my teachers
Dislikes: Tests, homework, cleaning, babysitting, arguing, and college preparation
Future Plans: Attend IUB and major in biology.



Monica Mary Ann Kamierski
Twin, Mon

Activities: Volleyball 1-4; Stat Person 2-4; STANDD 3-4; Student Ambassador 3; Booster Club 2-4; Spanish Club 1,3; NHS 4
Likes: Hanging out with my twin, reading, Phineas and Ferb, the Colts, my puppies Max and Rose, volleyball, sleep, taking walks, Facebook, texting, Grey's Anatomy, and naps
Dislikes: Homecoming, matching socks, math, White Sox, and the Bears
Future Plans: Attend Purdue University Calumet, graduate, get married and start a family.
Other Awards/Achievements: NHS President, Student Ambassador



Activities: Golf 2; Student Council 1, Drama Club 1-4; German Club 1-4; Homecoming Court 4
Likes: Drama, America, Japan, anime, video games, food, Shamrock Shakes, my homes, Futurama, computers, Star Wars, Indiana Jones, tacos, sleep, and puppets
Dislikes: Communism, effort, bad food, Richard Nixon
Future Plans: Attend college for computers, or do what everyone tells me to do and pursue my acting career.

Matthew James Keown
Matt



Amy Elizabeth Mahony
Mahonage

Activities: Volleyball 1-4, Student Publications 4; German Club 2-3
Likes: Family, friends, fried mushrooms, movies, Chaptick, summer nights, classic rock and Mexican food
Dislikes: Wrists, waking up early, but also wasting the day by sleeping too late; people who act their shoe size, and pants
Future Plans: Attend college to become a nurse, have a family, and hopefully live a very happy life.
Other Awards/Achievements: Honor Roll

Lauren Jo Kieltyka



Activities: Basketball 1; Football 1-4; Academic Team 4; Science Olympiad 4; Mayor's Youth Advisory 4; NHS 4; Who's Who 3-4; Kawans Top Ten 1-4; Sectionals Court 4
Likes: Indianapolis Colts, New York Yankees, Call of Duty, my sophomore year English class, messing with Mrs. Klochan
Dislikes: New Orleans Saints, Boston Red Sox, literature, football
Future Plans: Get my master's in aerospace engineering at Purdue, then move somewhere warm and start making a bunk
Other Awards/Achievements: Senior Class President; Class Treasurer '08-'09; Boys State Delegate; National Honor Society '09-10; Mayor's Youth Advisory '09-10

Aldo Lopez
Do Do



Andrew George Lowe
A-Lowe

Activities: Football 1-3; Baseball 1-4; STANDD 3; Student Ambassador 4; Drama Club 3-4; German Club 2,4; Homecoming Court 1
Likes: God, baseball, cute girls, winning championships
Dislikes: Losing, West Central, Triton, Justin O'Conner, Cowan, South Central
Future Plans: Attend UWW, get a degree, play baseball, be a stud, find a cute girl, get drafted, play pro-ball, make fat stacks, have a family, and maybe travel the world someday.
Other Awards/Achievements: First Team All-Conference Football '07 and '08; First Team All-Conference Baseball '09; All-Area Honorable Mention '08 and '09; Sectionals Champs '08, '09, and '10; Regional Champs '08



Lauren N. McNinch

Activities: Basketball 1-2; Cross Country 3; Volleyball 1; Cheerleading 3; STANDD 3-4; Spanish Club 1
Likes: Hanging out with my friends, tanning, summer, stepbrothers, shopping, and going on vacation with my family
Dislikes: Snow, waiting in long lines, and chemistry
Future Plans: Studying nursing, become a nurse and have a wonderful family



Monica J. Mendoza

Activities: Booster Club 4; German Club 2, 4; Homecoming Court 4
Likes: Playing video games, being with friends, sleeping, horror and comedy movies, KFC, Dentos, dried glue, and money
Dislikes: Work, pens, getting dirty, diet food and drinks, people who get away with things, and being criticized
Future Plans: Attend college, get a job, and not die lonely and poor



Michael Misner
Big Mike

dedication, motivation

curious, intense



Zachary Mora

Likes: Drawing, weight lifting, Call of Duty Modern Warfare 2, sports, summer, my dog Chico, and UFC
 Dislikes: Bad drivers, losing, slow Internet, winter, cooking, and getting up early
 Future Plans: I plan on attending college.



Anthony R. Pietrzycki
 Tiny

Other Schools: Crown Point High School, Waukegan Valley High School, Waukegan East High School
 Activities: Science Olympiad 4
 Likes: Chinese food, Erica, White Sox, and The Bears
 Dislikes: Matt's beard, broccoli, vampire movies, and ignorance
 Future Plans: Go to college, get a job, and be rich.



Sarah J. Mureiko
 Subway Sarah, Peanut

Other schools attended: Lansing Christian School
 Activities: Tennis 1-4; STANDD 3-4; Booster Club 4; Student Council 4; German Club 2-4; Sectionals Court 4
 Likes: I love my penguin pals and Steven, Adventures, bonfires, poker chips, La Palma tacos, Jesus, The Beatles, and breaking basement windows.
 Dislikes: Llamas, people who shake their heads, and Mr. Turnus
 Other Awards/Achievements: Making it to graduation, winning the Census design contest, growing two inches, and getting the greatest penguin pals in the world.



Rebecca Marie Castellano Ramirez
 Becky, Becca

Other schools attended: George Washington High School
 Activities: Basketball 1; STANDD 3; Booster Club 3-4; Spanish Club 1,3
 Likes: Chicago Bears, White Sox, texting, shopping, going to the movies, reading books, video games, hanging out with my friends, playing basketball and football
 Dislikes: Arguing, when people get on my nerves, and taking pictures
 Future Plans: Attend college and get a nursing degree



Joseph Stephen Murzyn
 Pudge

Activities: Basketball 1; Baseball 1-4; Student Ambassador 3-4; Mayor's Youth Advisory 3-4, Booster Club 4; Student Council 4; German Club 2-4; Kiwanis Top Ten 1-4
 Likes: Call of Duty, baseball, tennis, Moose, Bear, Pappas, M. Aponte, Nasty Nate, Gangsta C., Perdue, Henderson, and White Sox
 Dislikes: Obama, calculus, take home tests, and chewing with your mouth open
 Future Plans: I plan to attend Purdue University Lafayette and receive a bachelor of science in management. I also will win the 2012 World Series of Poker Main Event.
 Other Awards/Achievements: Student Council President, Junior Class President, MYAC, NCAAA Student Ambassador Program, Top Ten 4 years, Baseball Captain



Eduardo A. Reyes
 Eddie

Activities: Football 1-2-3; Spanish Club 1,3
 Likes: Basketball, Denver Nuggets, Bulls, Mexican food, UFC, playing on Friday nights, drawing, reading, hanging out with my friends, spring, fast ears, dancing, purple Kool-aid, Coco Puffs, money, listening to rock and rap, and the color blue
 Dislikes: Snitches, liars, waking up early, homework, Drake, essays, Chemistry, tobacco, crazy girls, nosy people, Lakers, Sal's mohawk, country music, and cocky people
 Other Awards/Achievements: I plan to go to college and have a career. I will get money, take care of my mom and brother, and have a family of my own.



Alexia R. Obregon
 Lex, Lexy

Other schools attended: Merrillville, Chesterton
 Activities: Basketball 1; Tennis 1; Cheerleading 3-4; STANDD 2-4; Booster Club 3; Student Council 1-2; Spanish Club 1; Drama Club 3
 Likes: Awesome people, funny movies, chorizo, fried chicken, gentlemen, staying up all night, boxing, laughing when nothing is funny, and Michael Jackson
 Dislikes: Throwing up, my super small feet, and napkins on food plates
 Future Plans: Attend Indiana State University and become a nurse, have a small family and live in a high rise like downtown New York City.
 Other Awards/Achievements: 2009 Golden Gloves finalist



Ariel Reyna

Activities: Tennis 1; Cheerleading 3; STANDD 3; Booster Club 3; Student Council 2; Spanish Club 1,3
 Likes: I love my boyfriend. Purses, tanning, shopping, texting, Call of Duty 2: clubbing, Family Guy, South Park, glowsticks, and my puppy
 Dislikes: I hate split ends. Chemistry, bugs, losing my phone on my bed, time going slowly, and liars
 Future Plans: My plans are to become a cosmetologist. I love the beauty industry more than anything. I plan to live and work in the city or somewhere in California.
 Other Awards/Achievements: My biggest achievement is being able to pass chemistry and making it to graduation.



Melissa Rodriguez

Activities: Basketball 2; Tennis 1-4, Manager 1-3; **Star Person 1:** Science Olympiad 1-4; Drama Club 3-4; German Club 1-4; Homecoming Court 4; Homecoming Queen 4
Likes: Science Olympiad, tennis, grape pop, Cunous George fruit snacks, The Beatles, the zoo, July, baking, reading, Disney movies, most food, friends, listening to music, and cookouts
Dislikes: Calculus take home tests, shoes, Mariah Carey, teenage ignorance, River Oaks, being hungry, and wearing my school ID
Future Plans: Attend Indiana University in the fall.
Other Awards/Achievements: First Team All-Conference in tennis (junior year) and a few Science Olympiad medals.



Enrique J. Silva
Kiko

Activities: Football 1-4; Student Council 4; Spanish Club 1,3; NHS 3-4, Homecoming Court 1; Sectionals Court 2
Likes: Ohio State Buckeyes and Christine Cervantes
Dislikes: White Sox and anybody who plays against Ohio State
Future Plans: Attend college and get married.



Salvador Salazar
Chavita

Activities: Football 4; Spanish Club 1,3
Likes: Soccer, Chivas, Mexico, Melissa R., my BFF Monica V., and my friends
Future Plans: Buy a house, get married, have a family, play soccer, and attend college.



Erica Lynn Simunic
Simunic, Goomba

Other Schools Attended: Bethlehem Lutheran
Activities: Volleyball 1-2; Softball 1-3, Academic Team 2, Science Olympiad 1-4; Drama Club 4; German Club 1,4
Likes: Hanging out with Laura and Alex, Colts, Chicago White Sox, watching movies, my mom and dad, Republicans, Saturday Night Live, Anthony, and being on stage
Dislikes: People who walk around with their pants on the ground, Jason Alexander, people who squint their eyes at you, scream music, Liberals, lady bugs and Kanye West
Future Plans: Attend college, either go to Second City or become a nurse, get married, have a family, and live in Oak Park.
Other Awards/Achievements: Science Olympiad medals



Lorena Santos

Activities: Star Person 4; STANDD 3; Booster Club 3-4; Spanish Club 1,3
Likes: Movies, summer, my dog, soccer, music, and art
Dislikes: Reading, ram, and waking up early
Future Plans: Attend college, have a good job, and have my own place.



Christopher E. Slater, Jr.
Slater

Activities: Football 1-3; Golf 3; Baseball 1-2; German Club 2,4
Likes: Cubs, the Bears, Fridays, hanging out with friends, Bob Anderson's weird short movies, and drawing
Dislikes: School
Future Plans: Attend Lincoln Tech, get a job, and live life to the fullest.



Rachel Katherine Sherer
Rach

Activities: Golf 3, Cheerleading 3; Manager 1-3; STANDD 3; Booster Club 1-2
Likes: God, family, nice people, summer, beach, my dog, Bdubs, rollerblading, cute boys, straight teeth, music, dresses, Facebook, Forever 21, gym class freshman year, sleeping, and Robert Pattinson
Dislikes: School, mean people, waking up early, math, the color red, hot dogs, ketchup, winter, cats, headaches, splinters, not having my phone, arguments with friends, bad grammar, spicy food, and Mondays
Future Plans: Attend Ozark Christian College and major in psychology.



Katherine Renee Staley

Activities: Tennis 1-2; Science Olympiad 4; Booster Club 4; Class Officer 4; Band 1-4; Spanish Club 1,3; NHS 3-4; Kuwanis Top Ten 1-4
Likes: Friends, family, texting, sunny days, music, smiling, laughing, Hello Kitty, reading, Chinese food, band, and being happy
Dislikes: Waking up early, procrastinating, incorrect grammar, people with huge egos, being cold, winter, driving, and mustard
Future Plans: Attend Purdue Lafayette to major in elementary education, become a successful teacher, move somewhere warm, and be happy.
Other Awards/Achievements: Hoosier Girls State Delegate, "Results, Not Excuses" and "Outstanding Achievement" band awards and Indiana Band Masters Association All-District Honor Band

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graduation



Chelsae Alyse Strabavy
Chels and Big Foot

Activities: Basketball 1-2; Volleyball 1-4;
Softball 1-4; STANDD 2-3; German Club 2-3;
Sectionals Court 4; Sectionals Queen 4
Likes: Music, bright colors, shopping, playing
sports, summer, hanging out with friends, and
texting
Dislikes: Waking up early and winter
Future Plans: Attend IUN, play volleyball, get
married, and have kids.



Lauren M. Vega
LV and Vega

Activities: Basketball 1-2; Cross Country 4-4;
Softball 1-4; Cheerleading 1-3-4; STANDD 4-4;
Spanish Club 1; Homecoming Court 4
Likes: Cross country, cheerleading, softball,
dancing, make-up, tanning, texting, hanging out
with friends, spending time with my family, being
with my boyfriend, and walking on the beach on
warm summer nights
Dislikes: Rude people, stuck up people, eggs,
mushrooms, and slow drivers
Future Plans: Attend St. Joe's College and major
in criminal justice, become a police officer, and
work my way up to forensics, get my perfect
dream job, and then settle down and start a
family.



Heather Lynn Stupeck
Sunshine

Activities: Cheerleading 1-4; Stat Person 1-4;
STANDD 3-4; Booster Club 1-4; Student
Council 1-4; Spanish Club 1-4; Student
Publications 3-4; Sectionals Court 1
Likes: Country music, road trips, arguing, Betty
Boop, bonfires, boats, radar detectors, Red Bull,
and being office aide
Dislikes: My fish, snow, short hair, slow drivers,
birds, saying good-bye, Mondays, and annoying
kids
Future Plans: Attend USI, graduating, finding
my dream job, moving somewhere in the south,
getting married, having kids that are actually
controlled, and living happily ever after.
Other Awards/Achievements: Cheer Captain 3-4



Monica Berenice Vera
Moni, Monis

Other Schools Attended: George Washington
Activities: STANDD 4; Booster Club 3-4;
Spanish Club 3; Student Publications 3-4;
Homecoming Court 3
Likes: The color hot pink, dancing, laughing,
chocolate milkshakes, working out, volleyball,
coffee, my family and friends, texting, getting
good grades, working, shopping, dressing up,
talking, going out, Family Guy, and Ms. Hyde
Dislikes: Liars, cocky people, ignorant people,
headaches, cold weather, and waking up early
Future Plans: Go to college to pursue a career in
accounting, become famous, get a job to help out
my mom, get married, and start a family.
Other Awards/Achievements: Reflector Editor
2009-2010, Honor Roll, and Class Treasurer
2009-2010



La'Jerica Shanae Thomas
Jerica

Other Schools Attended: East Chicago Central
Activities: Tennis 1; Spanish Club 3; Student
Publications 4; NHS 4
Likes: Shopping, shopping, and did I mention
shopping? Junk food, reading, lasagna, talking on
the phone, texting, sleeping, living my life to the
fullest, laughing, haters, First 48 and Mickey
Mouse
Dislikes: Boring people, having my time wasted,
annoying people, people without a sense of
humor, ignorance, racists, and being bored
Future Plans: Attend IUB in the fall, major in
nursing, but thinking of changing my major; get
married someday, have a family of my own, and
continue to be successful in my endeavors.



Alexander Trinidad Villa
Little Alex, Shorty

Other Schools Attended: Crown Point
Activities: Football 1-4; Baseball 1-2; Wrestling
1
Likes: Going out and having fun, playing
baseball, Mexican food, and any kind of physical
sport
Dislikes: Soccer, being bored, and Italian and
Chinese food
Future Plans: Possibly go the Marines and then
go to college to major in criminal justice and
become a police officer
Other Awards/Achievements: Honor Roll



Ashley Nicole Thompson
Actually, Matt Damon

Activities: Tennis 1-2, 4; Academic Team 3-4,
Science Olympiad 1-4; Mayor's Youth Advisory
2-3; Drama Club 4; German Club 2; NHS 3-4;
Who's Who 2-4
Likes: SNL, Ireland, friends, Science Olympiad,
movies, music, food, reading, Erica, and tennis
Dislikes: Fake people, homework, being normal,
and math
Future Plans: Attend college for criminology
Other Awards/Achievements: State Champion for
Science Olympiad and receiving various awards
for Science Olympiad and Academic Team



Leonel A. Villa, Jr.

Other Schools Attended: Crown Point
Activities: Cross Country 1; STANDD 4; Student
Council 1-3; Spanish Club 3; Drama Club 2
Future Plans: Go to college to study in a medical
field, do an internship in Chicago and become a
doctor.



Cindy M. Villasenor

Other Schools Attended: Central High School
Likes: Being with my family, hanging out with my friends, dancing, going to concerts, shopping, studying, and going to school
Dislikes: Reading, chocolate, and rock music
Future Plans: Attend college and be successful, get married, and have kids.
Other Awards/Achievements: Become a model



Sarah M. Wheeler

Activities: Tennis 1; STANDD 3,4; Booster Club 2,3; Spanish Club 1,3; Drama Club 1,2
Likes: My family, friends, the beach, country music, summer, fall, reading, movies, dances, honey BBQ wings, chocolate, fruits, vegetables, math, ceramics, and helping people
Dislikes: Laundry, homework, winter, spicy food, rap music, and geometry
Future Plans: Attend Calumet College, get a good job, get married, and have children.



Stephanie Ann Viveros
Cheerios

Activities: Softball 3; Booster Club 4; Spanish Club 1,3
Likes: White Sox, shoes, clothes, money, coffee, music, boxing, sports, taco dance, cars, and being with my friends
Dislikes: Cubs, golf, volleyball, Zach Efron, essays, and chemistry
Future Plans: Attend college and have a successful career.



Jacob R. Wright
Jackman

Activities: Basketball 1-3; Golf 1-4, Science Olympiad 1,2; Student Ambassador 4; Spanish Club 3; NHS 3,4; Sectional Court 2
Likes: Golf, going to movies, hanging out with friends, playing and building bird sets, sports cars, and the White Sox
Dislikes: People that are stuck up
Future Plans: Attend and graduate from college, get a job, and start a family.
Other Award/Achievement: Presidential Award for Community Service 2007, 2008, 2009



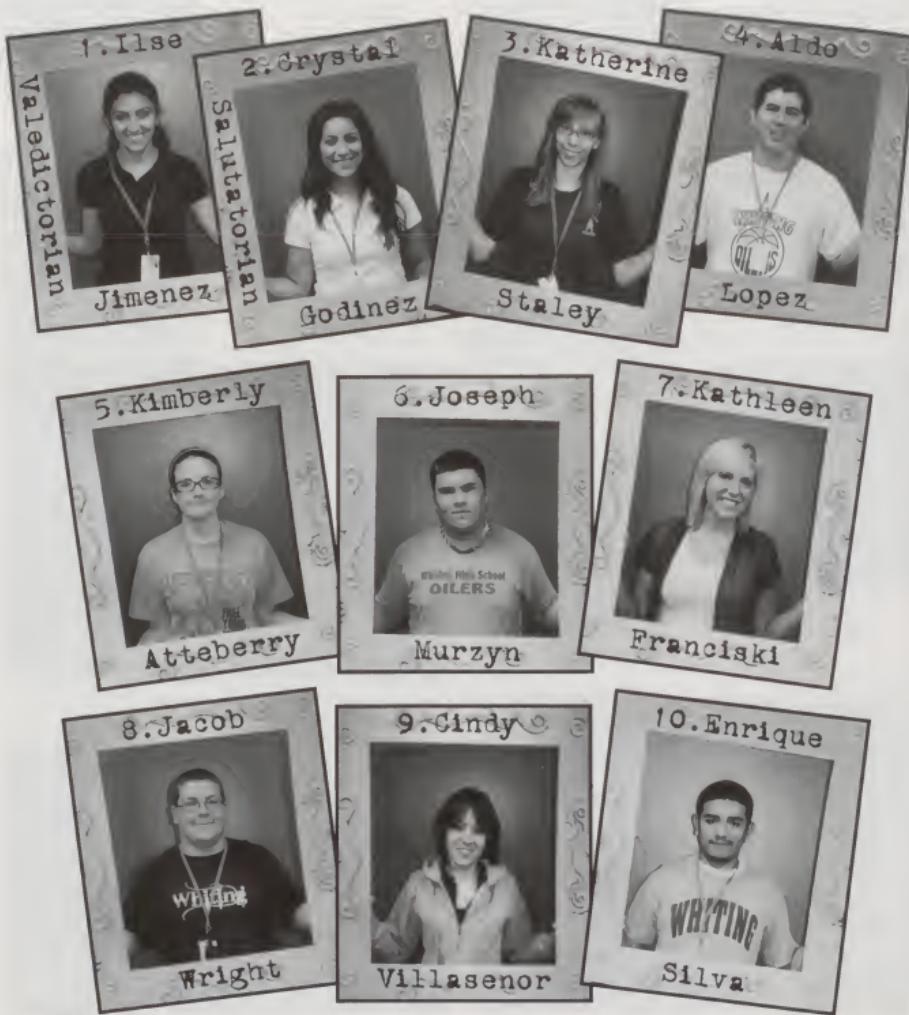
Sarah Nicole Watkins
Freckles, Sarie

Activities: Basketball 1,2; Volleyball 1-4; Softball 1-4; Academic Team 3,4; STANDD 3,4; Student Ambassador 2-4; Mayor's Youth Advisory 2-4; Booster Club 1-4; Drama Club 1-4; German Club 2,4; Homecoming Court 2
Likes: Chicago, shopping, pink, and James
Dislikes: The country, and calculus take-home tests
Future Plans: Attend IUN in the fall, get my master's in Special Education (K-6), marry James, and move to Chicago and have six kids.
Other Awards/Achievements: ISSMA Solo & Ensemble State Gold Medalist; Softball State Champion; Green W., Cinderella in the musical "Cinderella"; President of Drama Club; President of German Club; Captain of Fine Arts First Place Team; Second Team All Conference Volleyball



Top TEN

"High achievement always takes place in a framework of high expectation." Jack Kinder





“Remember yesterday, dream for tomorrow, live for today.”



Class Flower:
Rose

Class Colors:
Silver and Green



"Sometimes," said Pooh, "the smallest things take up the most room in your heart."

Sen10rs' Favorite High School Memories



1. "All the fun times during any of the Drama Club's Senior One-Acts. Over the years, those were always the best."



2. "That one time we all started jumping on the tables in the cafeteria and singing about our feelings. Oh, wait! That was High School Musical. My favorite memory would be being a cast member of Cinderella. That was so much fun!"



3. "Going to the Final Four in baseball in 2008 and senior prom."



4. "Looking at my countdown until graduation everyday and the weekends."



5. "My senior prom! It was an amazing night. I spent it with my sister Moni and a guy who can always make me smile! Plus, I had a special surprise on our party bus that night!"



6. "Sophomore year, winning the Regional Championship and making it to the Final Four."



7. "Probably my senior prom since I spent it with my sister, Anna, and my senior homecoming dance was very interesting."



8. "My favorite memory is when I kicked the winning field goal."



9. "Intercepting a pass and running it down for a TOUCHDOWN!"



10. "Being inducted into the National Honor Society."



11. "Meeting Ronny in Florida and prom. Also, when Emerik and I proved Mrs. Morando wrong about the dinosaur stones."



12. "Friday night football games with my friends and prom because I got to see Anna's happy moment! I was a witness to it on the party bus."

"To exist is to change, to change is to mature, to



13. "My sophomore year when we went down state for baseball and this year's prom."



14. "My favorite memory is my senior prom. I had an amazing night with my boyfriend and best friends."



15. "Playing in the Sectionals Championship, even though we lost. It was my first time playing in a championship game."



16. "My favorite high school memory was freshman year when Chelsae tried to spike the ball at Monca and it came back and hit her in the face."



17. "Meeting Enrique and my entire senior year."



18. "Being on top of the fire truck during the homecoming parade for football."



19. "My junior prom. I had so much fun with my boyfriend and all my friends. I loved our pink limo, too."



20.



21. "Going down to state for baseball and being in the Final Four."



22. "There are so many, but the most fun was all the adventures of nursing class."



23. "Meeting my baby girl, Christine."



24. "Homecoming Week of my junior and senior year."

24. Loreena Sartori

1. Matt Kowen 2. Eric Smithanic 3. Joey Mitzyniuk 4. Amy Mitheny 5. Anna Marie Arnold 6. Andrew Lowe 7. Monica Vera 8. Sal Lazar 9. Marlene Gallardo 10. Jefferson Thomas 11. Jackie Wright 12. Monica Kazmierski 13. Tom Flores 14. Brittany Bullock 15. Eddie Recyes 16. Heather Stipeck 17. Christine Czerwinski 18. Jackie Gutierrez 19. Arctic Regyna 20. Anthony Pietrzycski 21. Kruhl Daryl 22. Lauren McNinch 23. Enrique Silva

mature is to go on creating oneself endlessly."

"A brand new little baby to fill our lives and



25. "Walking out at pre-prom to "Heaven," then the rest of prom with my amazing boyfriend, Emerik Quiroz. Also winning state for softball."



26. "Winning semistate in baseball my sophomore year and my senior prom."



27. "Freshman year gym with all the senior boys. We all laughed so much and had so many funny experiences."



28.



29. "German class."



30. "Freshman year gym class. I had so many hilarious times in that class and met people I will never forget."



31. "Lunch with big Mike."



32. "It's between junior prom or the fun practices at cross country with my friends."



33. "The class trip and senior prom."



34. "10 minutes!"



35. "My favorite high school memory would have to be my senior year!"



36.

hearts with joy is a little bit of heaven on earth."

"Like a morning dream, life becomes more and more bright the longer



37.

38. "The Wheeler football game my sophomore year and after senior prom."

39. "My favorite high school memory is the senior trip."

40. "Definitely all the wild adventures with my nursing class crew! Senior year, best year ever!"



41. "Placing 7th at State for Science Olympiad."

42. "Senior class trip to Florida!"

43. "Being the football manager sophomore and junior year."

44. "My entire freshman and senior years."



45. "This year after prom was definitely one of my most favorites, but I have a ton of others; all of them are going to be with me forever. Oh, and going to the lake sophomore year."

46. "My favorite high school memory was when I received my award for being in the Top Ten."

47. "Winning the State Championship in softball, the Sectionals Championship in volleyball my sophomore year, and winning Sectional Sweetheart and Prom Queen this year."

48. "Junior prom."

49.

44. Stephanie Viveros 45. Sarah Muehle 46. Cindy Villaseca 47. Chelsea Struberry 48. Edgar Cattillo 49. Ilse Jimenez
37. Leondel Villa 38. Ashley Thompson 39. Rebecca Rummel 40. Trinity Cesanova 41. Melissa Rodriguez 42. Sylvia Delgado 43. Rachel Shultz

we live, and the reason for everything appears more clear."

IDEAL



Nicest Hair
Brittany Bulatovich
and Salvador Salazar



Class Clown
Erica Simunic and Manny
Galindo



Craziest Laugh
Krunal Darji, Lauren
Kieltyka and Karan Dar-



Worse Case of Senioritis
The Class of 2010



Most Likely To End Up Together
Sarah Mureiko & Steven Atteberry
Enrique Silva & Christine Cervantes



Laziest
Matt Keown and
Lauren Kieltyka



Best Eyes
Katie Franciski and
Chris Slater



Quietest
Juan Cervantes,
Cindy Villasenor and
Tony Cervantes

Most School Spirit
Manny Galindo and
Chelsae Strabavy



SENIORS



Most Sarcastic

Rachel Sherer and
Joey Murzyn



Most Athletic

Andrew Lowe and
Sarah Jansky



Most Changed

Annamarie Arnold and Zach
Mora



Most Confused

Amy Mahony and
Edgar Carrillo



Most Likely to End Up on Broadway

Sarah Watkins and
Matt Keown

Most Likely to Be Late for Graduation

Berny Aupont and
Shelby Eudakis



Most Likely To Succeed

Aldo Lopez and Ilse
Jimenez

Most Argumentative

Monica Kazmierski and
Joey Murzyn



Best Smile

Berny Aupont and
Melissa Rodriguez



All-Around Student

Crystal Godinez and
Aldo Lopez

Best Personality

Salvador Salazar,
Alexia Obregon and
Berny Aupont

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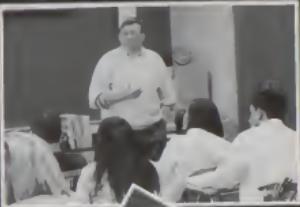
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2010

Gone, but not forgotten

Filled with change and growth, the 2009-2010 school year has quickly come and gone. The Science Olympiad team continued its success throughout the season, earning seventh place at state. For the first time, WHS recognized Disability Awareness Month and held a Census Rally which united the school city and the community. Students competed in the annual Bags Tournament before Spring Break, Drama Club put on a wonderful production of "Cinderella" and seniors traveled to Disney World for their senior trip. Students also had a great time at prom sponsored by the class of 2011 held at Lost Marsh. Our sports teams experienced success this spring as the tennis and baseball teams were sectional champs and the softball team was regional champion. Though this year can be considered "a year of new beginnings" in terms of classes and growth in student population, it is also the last year for Choice and a six-period day. As you look through the pages of this yearbook, may it bring back a year full of memories and fun; a year gone, but not forgotten.



Above, Mayor Joseph Stahura presents senior Sarah Mureiko with an award for her poster promoting Census 2010.



Left, Principal's Secretary Mrs. Linda Wilson retired after 16 years of dedicated service. "I have enjoyed my years at WHS, and I'd just like to wish the students here success in all of their future endeavors," said Mrs. Wilson.



Above, Members of Mr. Nichols and Mr. Long's Science Olympiad class proudly display their award-winning door which recognized Disability Awareness Month.



Above, The Science Olympiad team had a successful year, finishing seventh place at the state competition held at Indiana University Bloomington in March. "The hard work and dedication has paid off with our best finish at state ever," said Science Olympiad Coach Dan Nichols.



Above, Team Vera, which consisted of Nathan Hale, WMS and WHS students, took first place in the Census Rally relay race held in the WHS Memorial Gym on March 22.



Above, Senior Andrew Lowe takes one last look at the Whiting Park Baseball Field after the Oilers defeated Michigan City Marquette in the second game of a double-header May 22. The Oilers made history as they were the last team to play on the field which has been in existence since 1938.



Above, At the end of April, students who read the most books were invited to the annual read-up field trip at Navy Pier.



Left, Fierce competitors junior Emerik Quiroz and senior Sal Salazar shake hands before facing-off in the annual Bags Tournament held before Spring Break. Salazar and his partner Enrique Silva defeated the juniors for the championship.

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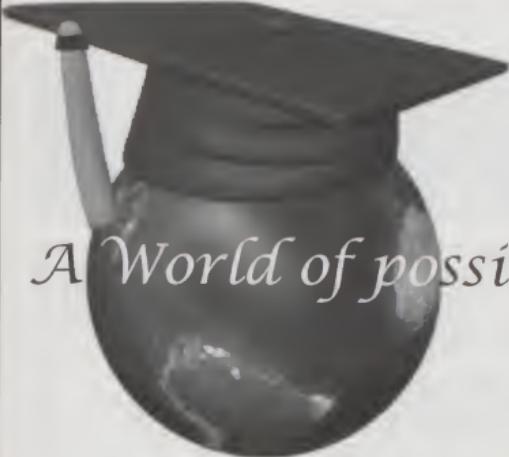
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Katherine, we're so proud of you!

From your first days of preschool to your final days of high school...



You have put your mind to being the best that you can be...
and you have achieved so much.

Congratulations on all of your successes at Whiting High School. We
wish you continued success and happiness in the future.

We love you, Kat!
Dad, Mom, and Jamie

Congratulations Lauren Marie Vega!

We are so very proud of you and all you've done...

...be sure to always follow your dreams!

Love you always, Mom, Dad, Anabelle & Lucy



{love you sunshine!}

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Throughout your years at Whiting High School it has been our major purpose to help you grow into intelligent, compassionate and responsible citizens. Our emphasis has always been to develop in you the necessary skills that you will need for a sound educational foundation. This foundation will not only serve you well in your pursuit for higher education, if that is your goal, but will be of advantage to you in your social and business endeavors. Each of your teachers has had much to offer you. They have contributed and influenced your intellectual, social and emotional growth. You have the necessary tools to get the job done. I have no doubt that you will carry on in the tradition of the thousands of Whiting High School students who preceded you and are now productive members of our society, no matter what their walk of life.

I have one earnest wish for you: Live your lives in such a way that you will reflect credit upon yourselves, your parents and your community. I echo the wishes of our entire faculty when I say to you good luck and best wishes for a bright and happy future.

Jay L. Harker, Principal

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Sincerely,

Annamarie Arnold and Monica Vera, Reflector Editors



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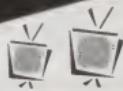
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WORLD YEARBOOK



1ST 100 DAYS

ECONOMY
FOREIGN POLICY
SOCIAL ISSUE

JANUARY

22 ■ Signed order to close Guantanamo Bay facility

29 ■ Signed into law the Lilly Ledbetter Act, which helps guarantee equal pay across gender lines

FEBRUARY

17 ■ Signed the \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into law

27 ■ Announced that the United States will withdraw troops out of Iraq completely by 2011

MARCH

4 ■ Launched the foreclosure prevention program, a \$75 billion loan modification and refinancing plan

27 ■ Announced plan to send more troops to Afghanistan

APRIL

1 ■ Attended G-20 Summit in London

1ST 100 DAYS

ONCE INAUGURATED, President Barack Obama got down to business, signing executive orders banning harsh interrogation techniques of suspected terrorists on his second day in office. The ban was Obama's first step toward closing the prisons at Guantanamo Bay. ONE WEEK LATER, the president signed a labor act guaranteeing equal pay for all workers. Regarding the act, Obama explained that he saw the inequality as a family issue, not just a women's issue. ATTENTION TO THE ECONOMY brought the \$787 billion economic stimulus package in the form of February's

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, controversial legislation which the administration claimed sparked growth as early as the third quarter.

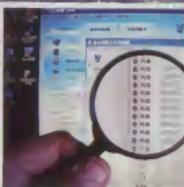
A TOTAL TROOP WITHDRAWAL from Iraq by the end of 2011 was announced on February 27, and just a month later Obama announced a renewed commitment to Afghanistan and plans to send an additional 21,000 new troops there. LONDON'S G-20 SUMMIT allowed leaders from nations worldwide, as well as regional groups and international institutions, to strategize ways to revive the global economy and stimulate growth.



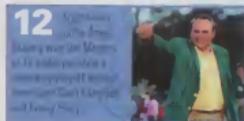
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SOMALI PIRATES hijacked an American ship in the Indian Ocean off the Horn of Africa and took Captain Richard Phillips hostage in April. The ship, the Maersk Alabama, was carrying food and other aid supplies for the World Food Program. The five-day ordeal ended when U.S. Navy SEAL snipers killed three pirates, freeing Phillips. **BEA ARTHUR**, two-time Emmy award winner, died of cancer at 86. Probably best known for her *Golden Girls* character Dorothy Zbornak, Arthur began her acting career on Broadway, winning a Tony in the original stage production of *Mame*. **A 50 TO 1 LONGSHOT** won the 135th Kentucky Derby. Jockey Calvin Borel and Mine That Bird came from behind on a muddy track to win the race by nearly seven lengths. **VOCALIST SUSAN BOYLE** became an overnight sensation on *Britain's Got Talent*. Her performance quickly became one of the most watched videos on YouTube. Despite a second-place finish in the competition, Boyle's first album, *I Dreamed a Dream*, became the biggest-selling album in the world for 2009 in just six weeks. **NORTH CAROLINA'S TARHEELS** beat Michigan State 89-72 in the men's Final Four, avenging a title game loss to Kansas the previous season. With the help of upperclassmen Tyler Hansbrough, Wayne Ellington, Ty Lawson and Danny Green, all of whom opted to return for another year with coach Roy Williams rather than heading to the NBA, the Tarheels cruised to their fifth national title and their second in five years. A unanimous pre-season No. 1, the team was UNC's first since 1982 to start and finish the year in the nation's top spot.

CONFICKER WORM, a computer virus that targeted the Microsoft Windows operating system, was estimated to have infected more than 15 million computers. It was believed to be the worst computer virus since the SQL slammer worm in 2003. In February 2009, Microsoft offered a \$250,000 reward for help with finding and arresting the people who created the computer worm.

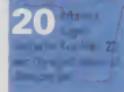


Nearly 40 unemployed New Yorkers took part in the Unemployment Olympics, a day of fun and games in Manhattan's East Village planned by a recently laid-off computer software worker.



The World Health Organization expressed concern at the spread of the H1N1 influenza from Mexico and the United States to other countries.

Supreme Court Justice David H. Souter announced his term-end retirement. A former attorney general from New Hampshire, Souter was appointed in 1990 by President George H.W. Bush.



2009 / MAY

After five seasons in TV's *The Goodwives of Jon & Kate Plus Eight* announced divorce plans. The pair, plus their twins and septuplets, attracted nearly 10 million viewers.

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May
Senate Commerce
Committee held its first hearing on the proposed
Healthcare Bill with a witness in
Buenos Aires. He was the president of the
Argentina Association of the Health Sector.

Giving the desire to spend more time with her family and no interest in running for re-election, Alaska Governor Sarah Palin stepped down, transferring power to Lt. Governor Sean Parnell.

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Roger Federer
won his 15th Grand Slam title, defeating American Andy Roddick in the men's final at Wimbledon. Novak Djokovic won the men's title at the US Open.

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July
we're
Kiwis powers him to
replaced after
New Zealand. Powered
by a recumbent bike,
the system creates zero

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July
Korean officials
say China's new nuclear
power plant will be
on the coast of Southeast
Asia in six hours with 39
reactors. It'll be 1012
kilometers away.



TOP GREEN CARS OF 2009*



BERNIE MADOFF was sentenced to 150 years in prison for the multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme he perpetrated as a wealth management advisor. He pleaded guilty to 11 felonies, including securities fraud, money laundering, perjury, making false filings with the SEC and theft from an employee benefit plan. In addition to his imprisonment, the former chair of the NASDAQ stock market was ordered to forfeit \$170 billion. **U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM IRAQ** was celebrated as a national holiday when Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki declared June 30 "National Sovereignty Day." In accordance with agreements with Iraq, American troops completed their withdrawal from Iraqi cities and transferred the responsibility of securing the cities to Iraqi troops.

IRANIAN ELECTION PROTESTS lasted months and resulted in at least 36 confirmed deaths after it was announced that President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad had won re-election with nearly 63% of the vote. Results were later certified and Ahmadinejad was sworn in for a second term in office on August 5. **SERENA WILLIAMS** beat her sister, Venus, in the final match at Wimbledon to win her third Grand Slam victory of the year. Then the sisters paired to beat Aussies Samantha Stosur and Rennae Stubbs, winning the doubles title the same day. **HULU**, a free app that allowed viewers to watch television shows on the web, gained traction. Some studies showed as many as 45% of all teens watched "TV" on the internet. **AL FRANKEN**, a former Saturday Night Live comedian and satirist, finally won his seat in the Senate after the Minnesota Supreme Court rejected incumbent Norm Coleman's myriad challenges. The final recount gave Franken the victory by 312 votes. **NBA CHAMPION L.A. LAKERS** won their 15th title on June 14, defeating the Orlando Magic 99-86 to clinch the title in just five games. Lakers star Kobe Bryant was named M.V.P. after scoring 30 points in the final game and 162 in the series.



MICHAEL JACKSON REMEMBERED

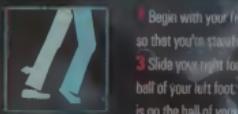
13 NO. 1 SINGLES AS A SOLO ARTIST

750 MILLION RECORDS SOLD WORLDWIDE

15 GRAMMY AWARDS

26 VMA AWARDS

HOW TO MOONWALK IN FIVE EASY STEPS



- 1 Begin with your legs parallel.
- 2 Raise your left heel so that you're standing on the ball of your left foot.
- 3 Slide your right foot back with your weight on the ball of your left foot.
- 4 Swap so that your weight is on the ball of your right foot.
- 5 Slide your left foot back and repeat.

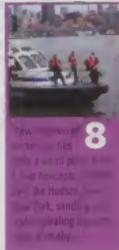


1958-2009

THE BREAKING NEWS of Michael Jackson's cardiac arrest and sudden death on June 25 dominated the internet causing unprecedented spikes in traffic and overwhelming social networks such as Facebook and Twitter. **TOPPING THE CHARTS** with 17 No. 1 hits (including four as a member of the Jackson 5), Jackson's 1982 *Thriller* remained the best-selling album ever. In the two weeks following his death, buyers snapped up another 2.3 million Jackson albums. In all, his world sales of more than 750 million records made him one of the best-selling recording artists ever.

JACKSON IS CREDITED with elevating the music video into an art form. His videos for "Billie Jean," "Beat It," and "Thriller" brought a strong crossover following to MTV. He popularized the moonwalk and the robot and influenced generations of dancers. **KNOWN AS THE KING OF POP**, Jackson was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame both as a Jackson and as a solo artist. **FINAL GOODBYES** were televised from LA's Staples Center where Stevie Wonder, Lionel Richie, Mariah Carey, John Mayer, Jennifer Hudson and Usher performed at his memorial service as millions worldwide watched.

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Two newly discovered works by Mozart – a prelude and a concerto movement – were performed in Salzburg, Austria, Mozart's birthplace.

Thousands of people worshipped a baby born with four arms and four legs in Nepal, revering him as the reincarnation of Ganesh.



Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, now 60, the would-be assassin who took aim at President Gerald Ford in 1975 and a former follower of Charles Manson, was released after serving 34 years in prison.



The Pirate Bay

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The Congressional Budget Office predicted that United States budget deficit for 2009 will reach \$1.6 trillion, the highest ever recorded.

Reading Rainbow, the third longest-running children's show on United States public service television network PBS, ended its 26 year run.

U.S. JOURNALISTS FREED following nearly five months of detainment in North Korea were escorted home by former president Bill Clinton after he met with North Korean dictator Kim Jong Il. Laura Ling and Euna Lee, reporters for Current TV, a media venture owned by Al Gore, had been charged with entering the country illegally to conduct a smear campaign. **KILLER WHALE RESEARCH** identified new behavior in large groups of orcas. A Journal of Ethology report cited groups of whales gathering in British Columbia, Alaska, Iceland and Antarctica to form "clubs."

While whales often live in pods of 10-20, scientists say the newly observed clubs of as many as 100 seem to allow the whales to form and maintain social ties. **SENATOR TED KENNEDY** of Massachusetts, the last surviving Kennedy brother, died at age 77 after battling brain cancer. In his 46 years as a senator, Kennedy championed labor, health care, civil rights, education and voting rights. President Barack Obama delivered the eulogy at Kennedy's August 29 funeral in Boston. In addition to the family, Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, former Presidents

Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Jimmy Carter, and First Lady Michelle Obama also attended. Kennedy was buried at Arlington National Cemetery next to his brothers, President John F. Kennedy and Senator Robert F. Kennedy. **A WEB ATTACK** targeted at a specific pro-Georgian blogger incapacitated Twitter for two hours on August 6. Twitter and other social networks like Facebook and LiveJournal were overwhelmed by denial-of-service attacks disrupting access to more than 300 million users. Boners – thousands of infected home and workplace PCs – flooded the web with nuisance requests, cutting off access to anyone else. Twitter, the micro-blogging site where users post 140-character messages to their followers – soared in popularity in 2009. According to comScore, a Web tracking firm, the site had 44 million unique visitors in the month of June.

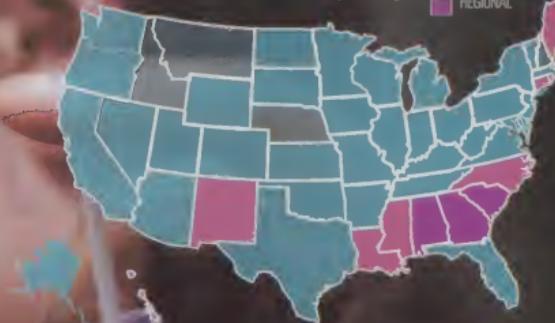
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE Sonia Sotomayor was confirmed by the Senate as Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, replacing David Souter who retired in June. Sotomayor, who rose from the housing projects of the Bronx to the top of the legal profession by way of Princeton and Yale Law, made history as the nation's third female and first Hispanic Supreme Court justice.



US FLUVIEW

Influenza activity estimates reported by State and Territorial Epidemiologists

■ NO ACTIVITY
■ SPORADIC
■ LOCAL
■ REGIONAL



19,335 H1N1 CASES
BY AGE GROUP
(MMRNS)

11,690 H1N1
ESTIMATED DEATHS*

*CDC Estimates of 2009 H1N1 Cases and Deaths
from April 2009 - January 2010



FLUSHOTS

FLU SHOT CLINICS were set up in workplaces and schools from coast to coast as the government and the CDC suggested that as many people as possible be vaccinated against the H1N1 virus that led to hundreds of school closings in the spring of 2009. **AN EARLY START** to the flu season meant victims were affected in higher numbers and more extremely than usual, and that the flu's peak activity came in late October and early November rather than March. Until the vaccine arrived, anyone with H1N1's potential respiratory symptoms was encouraged to stay home rather than infecting classmates or

co-workers. **IN OCTOBER**, the vaccine began arriving in both injected and nasal spray forms. Within four months, 97 million H1N1 vaccine doses had been given to 86 million people in the United States. **TRULY PANDEMIC**, the H1N1 influenza infected approximately 57 million Americans or slightly more than 18 percent of the population between April 2009 and February 2010. About 11,690 people died and nearly 260,000 were hospitalized from the viral infection, which was also known as swine flu. **THE THREAT** of an additional outbreak loomed as the annual flu season waned.

THRIFTY TEENS

Teenagers are saving more than ever before. Here's how they're spending their cash.

TEEN RETAIL SPENDING



ECONOMIC WOES

JOB MARKET DETERIORATION continued, despite some tentative indications that the economy was improving. The federal unemployment rate peaked at 10.1% in October, but the economy continued to shed jobs at the rate of more than 263,000 a month. Data showed a loss of 8.4 million jobs since the recession's start in December 2007. **THE UNDER-EMPLOYMENT RATE** of workers whose hours had been cut or who were working part-time for lack of full-time positions hit 17% – the highest

since they began tracking the category in 1994.

FORECLOSURE FILINGS in the third quarter hit a record high. Despite government-led and lender-supported relief efforts, nearly a million U.S. homes – 1 in every 135 nationwide – were in foreclosure by October.

FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIRMAN Ben Bernanke announced September 15 that the recession had "very likely ended" while warning that it may not quickly affect the unemployment rate.



MTV'S 2009 VIDEO MUSIC AWARDS were going to be different from the start. In addition to recognizing current work, anticipation of a Michael Jackson tribute ran high. Instead, Kanye West literally stole the show, grabbing the mic during 20-year-old country/pop star Taylor Swift's Best Female Video acceptance speech for a quick rant about Beyoncé. Knowing he was more deserving, Swift went on to win the Grammy for Album of the Year for her second album, *Fearless*. **ACTOR PATRICK SWAYZE** died at age 57, after suffering from pancreatic cancer for nearly two years. Of his more than 30 movies, he was best-known for his roles as romantic leading men in the films *Dirty Dancing* and *Ghost*. **A GIANT MYLAR BALLOON** took off from a family's yard in northern Colorado, and nationwide panic erupted when it was reported that the six-year-old son might be aboard the 20-foot-long, saucer-shaped helium flyer. A runway at the Denver airport was shut down and search and rescue crews scoured the area below the craft's 50-mile flight path for the child, who was later found hiding in the garage. Subsequent interviews revealed that the event had been planned. The couple was billed for search services and both parents were sentenced to jail time. **THE WORLD'S TALLEST BUILDING**, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, U.A.E. was completed on October 1 and opened on January 5, 2010. Named after the leader of neighboring oil-rich Abu Dhabi, which contributed billions of dollars to keep Dubai afloat, the building housed a hotel, offices and luxury apartments. At 2,717 feet, the tower with a public observation deck on the 124th floor was the tallest man-made structure ever built. **"BEATLES DAY"** was celebrated worldwide on 09/09/09 when re-mastered versions of The Beatles' albums were released, on the same day the video game The Beatles: Rock Band was released. In the major music markets of North America, Japan and the UK, consumers purchased more than 2.25 million copies of re-mastered albums in the first five days of release. In addition, more than half a million Rock Band units sold during the game's first month of release. Incorporating many of the gameplay features of the Rock Band series, the game included 45 songs by the popular British rock group.

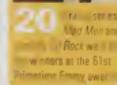


Representative Joe Wilson, a Republican from South Carolina, shouted, "You lie!" during President Barack Obama's health care speech. Wilson later apologized for his remark.

Justin Martin del Polio defeated Roger Federer and Kim Clijsters beat Caroline Wozniacki at the U.S. Open.



After more than 50 years in baseball, Bobby Cox, manager of the Atlanta Braves, announced he will retire following the 2010 season.



2010 Tony Awards

May 2nd

Rock of Ages

Widows at the Glass

Primetime Emmy award

AS SEEN IN TV FAVORITES

SNUGGIE
SLAP CHOP
SHAMWOW
BUMPI TS

The International Olympic Committee awarded the 2016 Summer Olympics to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It was the first time Olympic games we held in a South American country.



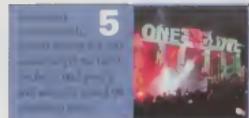
1 **Hominins** The hominins include an australopithecine called Lucy, the earliest known ancestor of a human ancestor.

President Barack Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize "for his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples."

Intended to be fully compatible with Vista applications and hardware, Microsoft operating system Windows 7 went on retail sale worldwide.



1 Lady Gaga was named Showbiz's Star of the Year. She is the first artist in history to have four consecutive chart-topping songs debut in one year.



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ONE DOWN NINE TO GO

A YANKEES WORLD SERIES WIN gave the team its 27th championship with a 3-

victory over the Phillies in Game 6. Hideki Matsui, the first Japanese-born player to be named a

Series M.V.P., led the Yankees' offense with six runs batted in off a homer, a single and a double.

The last Yankees' title was in 2000. **THE FIRST STATE DINNER** hosted by President and

Mrs. Obama toasted a growing U.S. friendship with India with an evening of regal pageantry on the White House South Lawn on November 24. Visiting Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and his wife Gursharan Kaur were honored guests alongside 300 others. A tradition dating back

to 1874, state dinners were the most treasured and formal honor a U.S. president could offer a foreign dignitary, and the most coveted invitation in Washington. Unbeknownst to the Obamas and to the Secret Service, a Virginia couple, Tareq and Michaela Salahi, entered the dinner without an invitation, bypassing all security checkpoints. **SHOOTINGS AT FORT HOOD** killed 13 and

injured 30 on November 5. Major Nidal Malik Hasan opened fire on fellow soldiers at the Fort Hood U.S. Army base in Texas; some reports suggested he was unhappy about an upcoming deployment.

NASCAR'S LONGEST STREAK of consecutive series championships belonged to

Jimmie Johnson, who surpassed Dale Jarrett when he clinched his fourth title in a row, winning seven races in back-to-back seasons. **OPRAH'S PLANS** to retire when her current contract

expires were announced nearly two years in advance of her final show. Media mogul/talk show host/philanthropist Oprah Winfrey said she will end her daily talk show in 2011. The show, which

attracted more than seven million viewers a day, had been on the air since 1984. **SIGNS OF**

WATER ON THE MOON were confirmed without question in November when a satellite intentionally

crashed into a crater near the moon's South Pole. Using a two-part satellite, scientists

said they created a collision, then measured the debris it created. The discovery was good news for

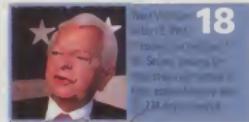
explorers who wanted to set up labs on the lunar surface and to the scientists who hoped that the

water, in the form of ancient ice, would reveal information about the history of the solar system



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THE NOVEMBER 18
POPULATION OF
AFRICA
REACHES
ONE
BILLION!



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TWILIGHT: NEW MOON



TEAM
JACOB
34.4%

TEAM
EDWARD
65.6%



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MS Oasis of the Seas was officially unveiled at Port Lauderdale, Florida. At 225,282 gross tons, it was the world's largest passenger vessel.

Ceremonies in India marked the first anniversary of a series of attacks in Mumbai by Pakistani militants which killed 178 people.

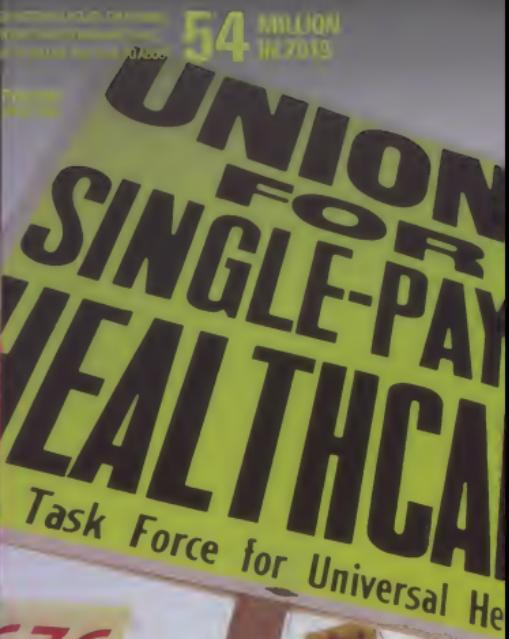


HEALTHCARE COSTS

ANNUAL SPENDING PER PERSON NEARLY

208

WITH ONLY THREE YEARS TO GO, THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS WITH PRIVATE INSURANCE IS EXPECTED TO GROW FROM ALMOST 100 MILLION IN 2008 TO APPROXIMATELY 54 MILLION IN 2010.



HEALTHCARE

HEALTH CARE REFORM was a priority for President Obama and the Democratic leaders of Congress. In November, they came close to creating a comprehensive system of national health insurance when the House approved an overhaul of the system, 220 votes to 216. **MAX BAUCUS**, Senate Finance Committee chairman, had presented a plan that included many new insurance industry regulations but no government-run health care. The Democrat from Montana believed his bill could bring together Republicans and Democrats for an ambitious overhaul of health care. **TEA PARTY**

PROTESTS sprung up from coast to coast, providing a platform for citizens wishing to speak their discontent. While groups of those who felt they could no longer sit still and quietly observe governmental changes that made them uncomfortable took on many traits, the newly empowered activists worked to be visible in many parts of the country. **SENATE VOTES** in November were followed by the Senate's approval of an \$871 billion bill in December. While the two Congressional branches worked to reconcile their bills, it became apparent agreement was not imminent; the debate would continue for months.

BY THE NUMBERS

EPICENTER
77°N 175°W
JANUARY 12, 2010

HAITI

200,000 PLUS
EST. DEAD

1M CHILDREN WHO WERE ACCOMPANYING
OR VICTIMIZED BY ONE ELEMENT

56 AFTERSHOCKS
GREATER

90 PERCENT
OF HAITI IS NEAR
THE CENTER LINE OF THE EARTHQUAKE

9M US DOLLARS
AMT. PLEDGED BY TEXTING
"HAITI" TO 90999



HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE

DEATH AND DESTRUCTION were apparent immediately following the tremor which struck near Port-au-Prince, the capital city of Haiti. While fatality estimates topped 200,000, officials conceded that the burial of uncounted corpses would prohibit an exact tally. The quake, which was "felt strongly" in Cuba more than 200 miles away, damaged thousands of homes, including the president's residence. The **BUSH/CLINTON HAITI RELIEF FUND**, designed to demonstrate American unity, raised more than \$17 million in under two weeks. In the month following the quake, American

charities sent more than \$790 million in charitable aid. **WYCLEF JEAN, GEORGE CLOONEY & FRIENDS** hosted concerts in New York, Los Angeles and London to raise funds for earthquake victims. Called "Hope for Haiti Now: A Global Benefit for Earthquake Relief," the January 22 concerts included performances by Bruce Springsteen, Madonna, Mary J. Blige, Taylor Swift, Justin Timberlake, Coldplay and Bon Jovi. In addition, a remake of the 25-year-old anthem "We Are the World," featuring more than 70 big names representing all genres of music, was recorded to benefit Haitian aid groups.

JAMES CAMERON'S AVATAR broke all kinds of records en route to becoming the highest grossing film of all time. Development of the science fiction epic spanned 15 years, partially because Cameron had previously determined that the necessary technology was not yet available to portray his visions for the film. Released for both traditional two-dimension projection and 3-D, *Avatar* was also the first film ever to gross \$2 billion, and it was nominated for nine Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Director. **TIGER WOODS** was named the Associated Press Athlete of the Decade in December. Despite a personal scandal that led to an indefinite break from professional golf, he collected nearly as many votes as runners-up Lance Armstrong and Roger Federer combined. Woods won 64 tournaments including 12 majors and earned more than \$81 million during the decade. **A TERRORIST ATTACK** on a December 25 Northwest Airlines flight from Amsterdam to Detroit was thwarted after a student with suspected al-Qaeda ties attempted to ignite explosives in flight. **FIFA WORLD CUP SOCCER** tickets went on sale globally, adding more than 1 million new seats to those nearly 700,000 tickets already sold for the June/July soccer matches in South Africa. **CONAN O'BRIEN** left NBC and *The Tonight Show* on January 22, just eight months after he took the reins from Jay Leno. Despite ongoing unsuccessful negotiations with the network, O'Brien planned a busy last week hosting Robin Williams, Barry Manilow, Tom Hanks and Will Ferrell, and he took to the stage playing 70s rock anthem "Free Bird" with the band during the closing credits of his final show. **THE U.S. HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL**, passed by the Senate on December 24 was expected to extend insurance coverage to 30 million additional Americans. Following the January 27 State of the Union Address where Obama vowed not to "walk away from" his drive for health insurance reform, additional modifications were made to the White House's proposed health care plan in preparation for a February 25 televised bipartisan health care summit. The six-hour summit was covered on CSPAN and was the day's news focus.



1 *Avatar* became the highest-grossing movie ever at \$2.79 billion.

More than 50 people were killed or injured when two ferries collided on the Nile River near Rashid, Egypt.



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A blue moon and partial lunar eclipse occurred. Both were rare in New Year's Eve.

UNITED NATIONS COPENHAGEN CONFERENCE

COPENHAGEN ACCORD AT A GLANCE:

- KEEP THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE RISE < 2°C
- LIST DEVELOPED COUNTRY EMISSION REDUCTION TARGETS/ARTICULATION ACTION BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR 2020
- \$30 BILLION SHORT-TERM FUNDING FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION UNTIL 2012
- \$100 BILLION ANNUALLY BY 2020 IN LONG-TERM FINANCING
- REITERATING PAST INTENTIONS SUCH AS PROVIDING MECHANISMS TO SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND FORESTRY.

19-year-old Norwegian Magnus Carlsen, became the world's youngest ever top ranked chess grandmaster, according to FIDE ratings.

French computer scientist Fabrice Bellard claimed it took him 131 days to calculate pi to nearly 2.7 trillion digits.



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Bubble wrap, the stress inducer disguised as package cushioning, celebrated its 50th anniversary.



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President Obama proposed a \$3.8 billion budget for fiscal 2011 that foresees the deficit hitting a record \$1.6 trillion in 2010.

Internet giant Yahoo! sold HotJobs to Monster.com for \$225 million.

Category 4 cyclone Ophelia Tahiti and other islands of French Polynesia.



1 Entering year of new decade, Beyoncé has won every Grammy Award for her solo music career.

APP-PLY YOURSELF



TOTAL NUMBER OF APPS SOLD
IN MILLIONS



TOTAL NUMBER OF SMART PHONES SOLD



11 USERS DOWNLOAD AVERAGE/MONTH



SOURCES: GARTNER AND GARTNER GROUP



comScore

Google Buzz, an online social networking application that integrated with all of Google's other services, was released.

A shooting at the University of Alabama in Huntsville left three science faculty members dead.



18 An Alabama X man working on home taxes, killing himself and an IRS worker, after years of unresolved tax disputes.



14 Michael Phelps, 30, won five gold medals in men's swimming, surpassing Mark Spitz's record.

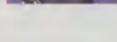
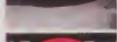
Adobe Photoshop, software that redefined creativity in the digital world, celebrated 20 years of success.

SNOW BLANKETED THE NATION

encompassing all 50 states on February 13 after a dusting on the Florida panhandle. Hawaii did not receive new snow, but had a blizzard the peaks of the state's highest volcanoes. Record snowfall affected many parts of the country this winter, from the Midwest where 50-year-old records for most days with 4" or more of snow cover were smashed by more than five weeks, to the mid-Atlantic states where record snowfalls from December to February broke 100-year-old seasonal snowfall records the first week in February.

BEYONCÉ WON SIX GRAMMYS, including Song of the Year for "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)," and became the first woman to win six awards in the same night. Only Michael Jackson (1984) and Carlos Santana (2000) had won more awards in a single year. **APPLE'S iPAD RELEASED** on January 27 to mixed reviews. The new "digital tablet" brings Apple's sleek design and functionality to the masses for an affordable price. Weighing just 1.5 pounds, the iPad is lighter than a laptop, but users will be able to browse the web, access email, watch movies, read books and more. In addition, Apple created 12 innovative new apps for the iPad, which will also run almost all of the more than 140,000 apps available in the App Store. **BRITAIN'S UFO FILES**, made public to civilians in January, tallied more than 6,000 pages detailing sightings from 1994 - 2000. The fifth (and largest) release ever was intended to make access available to a wider audience. **MOBILE CARRIERS JOIN FORCES** to rival Apple's App Store. AT&T, China Mobile, China Unicom, Sprint and Verizon were among the first companies to unite, creating a centralized location for apps for a variety of mobile devices possible because of cross-platform

development. The Wholesale Applications Community will represent more than three billion customers worldwide. **OLYMPIC SKIER BODE MILLER** won three more medals at the 2010 Winter Olympics (super combined gold, Super G silver and downhill bronze) bringing the four-time World Champion's record Olympic tally to five. **SUPER BOWL XLIV**, the most-watched Super Bowl and the most-viewed program in television history, saw the New Orleans Saints defeat Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts, 31-17. The Saints, who became just the fourth team ever to win in their first Super Bowl appearance, won with a key defensive play on an interception by defensive back Tracy Porter, and a nearly perfect offensive game by QB Drew Brees.



OLYMPIC STATS

AUSTRIA

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NORWAY

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CANADA

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U.S.

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GERMANY

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AUSTRIA

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U.S.

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40.6 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT
AVERAGE TEMPERATURE ON VANCOUVER IN FEBRUARY

600M DOLLARS
DIRECTLY SPENT ON HOSTING THE WINTER GAMES

12 THOUSAND PEOPLE
APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF CANADIANS WHO CARRIED THE TORCH FOR OPENING

WINTER OLYMPICS

PRE-OPENING TRAGEDY struck the games during a practice session on February 12 when 21-year-old Nodar Kumaritashvili, representing the Republic of Georgia in the luger, lost control of his sled and died. **VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA** hosted the 2010 Winter Games, bringing the competition to Canada for just the second time since its inception in 1924. Nearly 2,650 athletes from 82 nations competed in 15 sports and 89 separate medal events. **SPEEDSKATER APOLLO ANTON OHNO** added three new medals to his previous five Olympic medals from Salt Lake City and Turin. Ohno broke

Bonnie Blair's record, becoming the most decorated American Winter Olympian ever. **TWO-TIME WORLD CUP CHAMPION LINDSEY VONN** became the first American female to win Olympic downhill gold. Vonn skied all five of her scheduled events with a bruised shin, medaling in two. **SNOWBOARDER SHAUN WHITE** defended his Olympic gold in the halfpipe with a first run so strong he secured his victory. In a celebratory second run, he debuted a Double McTwist 1260 (which he named The Tomahawk). The new trick contributed to a record score of 49.4, increasing his margin of victory by 1.6 points.

THEN AND NOW

2000-2010, A LOOK AT THE LAST DECADE

4.5 BIL
AVG. # OF TEXTS
SENT PER DAY
(400,000 avg./day in 2000)



300 MIL
AVERAGE GOOGLE
SEARCHES PER DAY
(10 million avg./day in 2000)



247 BIL
AVG. # OF EMAILS
SENT PER DAY
(1.2 billion avg./day in 2000)

\$7.25
. MIN. WAGE
\$5.15 in 2000

39% FACEBOOK
31% MYSPACE
28% YOUTUBE

**PERCENTAGE OF ONLINE TIME SPENT
ON THESE SITES BY 2009 TEENS**

Yahoo (11%), MTV.com (6%), Hotmail (5%) in 2000

BEST PICTURE WINNER

2000 *GLADIATOR*

2009 *SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE*

BEST SONG

2000 "BEAUTIFUL DAY" - U2

2009 "SINGLE LADIES (PUT A RING ON IT)" - BEYONCE

iPOD

2000 The first generation iPod was released. It was a 5 GB hard drive with the ability to hold nearly 1000 songs.

The third-generation iPod Touch was introduced. With a touchscreen interface, 16 GB of storage and the ability to download apps, it was described as the "iPod-like portable entertainment". Cost of both: \$399

TILIKUM THE ORCA was not in the pool when SeaWorld Orlando's show, *Believe: The Sensational Shamu Show*, reopened just three days after the six-ton orca attacked and drowned veteran trainer Dawn Brancheau on February 24. The show featured trainers using hand signals to instruct the whales to leap, twirl and wave to or splash the audience. **AN OVERTIME VICTORY** in hockey gave Canada the Olympic gold the host nation craved on the last day of Winter Games. The 3-2 win over Team U.S.A. came 7:40 into the extra period when 22-year-old Sidney Crosby sent goalie Ryan Miller a surprise wrist shot. Miller was the series M.V.P. and Crosby, a native of Nova Scotia, became the youngest ever captain of a Stanley Cup-winning team in 2009, when his Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Detroit Red Wings four games to three. **CANADA'S JOANNIE ROCHELLE** captured viewers' hearts, competing in women's figure skating after her mother succumbed to a heart attack in Vancouver just days before. The 24-year-old from Quebec took bronze and became one of the most personal stories of the Vancouver Games. Korea's Yu-Na Kim became her country's first-ever Olympic figure skating medalist when she broke the 200-point mark and captured the gold medal. **AN ICEBERG COLLISION WITH ANTARCTICA** dislodged another massive block of ice from the continent in February. The original iceberg, known as B9B, measured 60 miles in length and had broken free from Antarctica more than 20 years ago. The new iceberg weighed in at roughly 700 billion tons and, at 48 x 24 miles, contained the equivalent of one fifth of the world's annual total water usage. The two icebergs drifted together off the east coast of Antarctica. **U.S. BOBSLEDS GOLD** ended a 62-year Olympic drought for America when two-time World Champion Night Train pilot Steve Holcomb with crew Justin Olsen and Steve Mesler and brakeman Curtis Tomasevicz dominated action in Whistler. The win meant Germany's Andre Lange, who took gold in the two-man race, failed in his attempt to capture five Olympic golds in as many attempts. **AN 8.8 EARTHQUAKE IN CHILE** on February 27 toppled buildings, left more than 300 dead and caused tsunami evacuations as far away as Hawaii and Japan. While the quake was significantly more powerful than the Haitian tremor that caused massive devastation in January, the damage was minimized by its relatively deep epicenter and strict Chilean building codes that followed massive damage caused by a huge quake in 1960.

